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SARASVATI THAKUR

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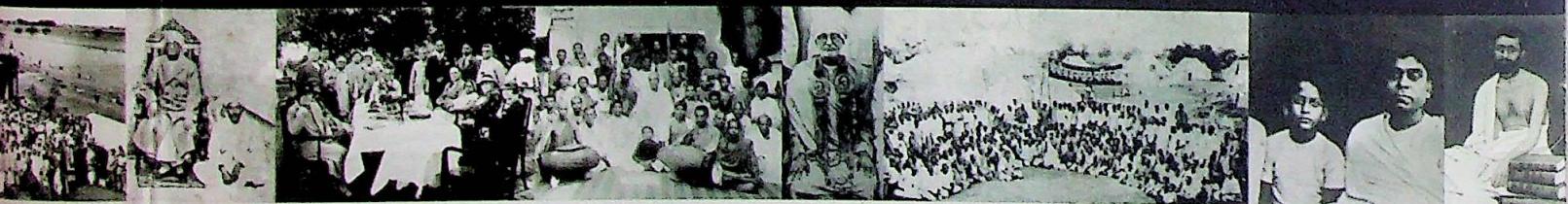


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EDITORIAL

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada was a genius. As the son of the great magistrate and vaishnava acharya Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur, he received training since his childhood. His teachings were based on the Vedic scriptures and their acharyas. He prepared this wisdom and established the Gaudiya Math to spread Sri Chaitanya's message throughout India and abroad. This wisdom would later become known worldwide as Krishna Consciousness.

He ordered his followers to spread divine love for Krishna to all living beings throughout the world. The extent of his influence in spreading the glories of India and Krishna is still largely unrecognized. Even though his contributions are unique and extensive (p. 40), and his influence reached the most remote areas of the planet (p. 8), still few people know about his life, name and glory.

This magazine describes him and how we can benefit from his teachings, as well as how to benefit others by introducing India's greatest hero of divine love to them.

We thank all those who have contributed to the effort of making this publication possible. Let us not stop this spirit of love and solidarity, which naturally unites all those who try to approach Govinda (God) for His grace and residence in His eternal Vrindavan.

Yours with affection and *koti dandavat*,
Vaishnava dasanudasa

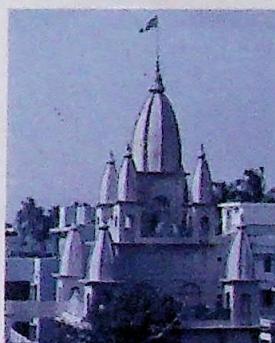
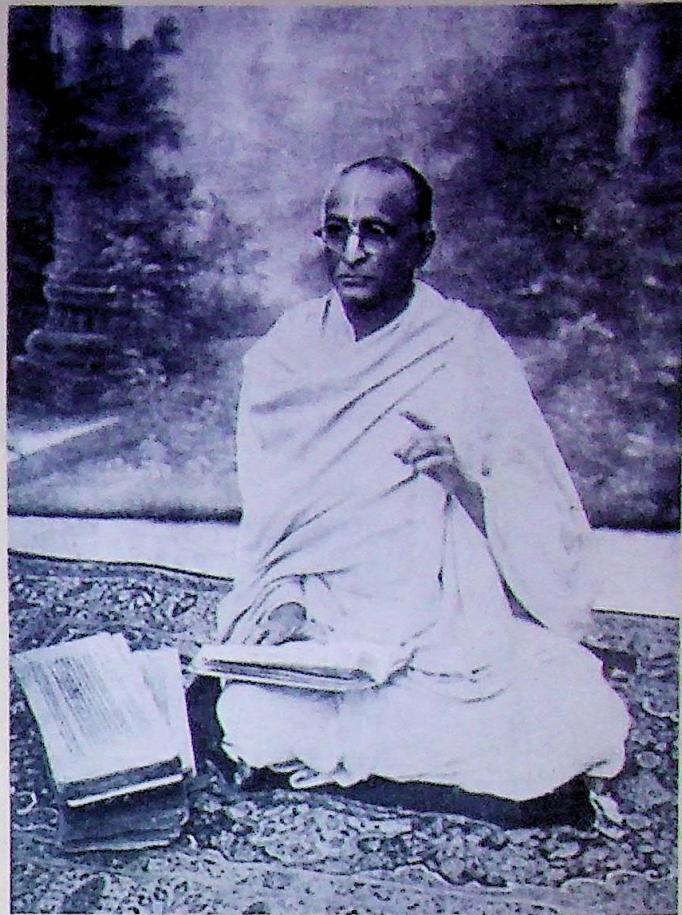
Swami B. A. Paramadvaiti
WVA secretary and editorial director for this magazine

The goal of the present publication is to please all the vaishnavas. That means all those from any of the wonderful missions who love Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur and are following in his footsteps. We want their blessings and we hope that they can make good use of this magazine in their own circles to increase people's appreciation for the wonderful personality of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur and his gifts. We understand that these vaishnavas include so many different people that it is impossible to mention all of them.

Please bless this humble effort to glorify our grandfather, spiritual master and well-wisher of all.

Sincerely,

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INDIA'S GREATEST HERO OF DIVINE LOVE



Prabhupada in Puri painted by Ramesvaram Dasi, Puebla-Mexico, 2012.

THE UNIFYING PRINCIPLES OF THE VISHVA VAISHNAVA RAJ SABHA

Committees established by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur

The following is a list of committees that were originally established (and named) by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada. The WVA formulates its objectives in accordance

with these committees' suggestions and creates various working groups to ensure these objectives are met. The WVA's scope for increasing its projects is unlimited and new plans are increasingly being created to fulfill the desires of the previous and present acharyas as recommended through these committees:

Manad mandali

To make arrangements for Thakurji and to serve the vaishnavas

Sri Krishna Chaitanya prachar mandali

To expand the glories of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu

Utsav mandali

To arrange festivities for the celebration of holy days

Pashadadalan mandali

To provide help and services for one another in emergency situations

Bhaktianusana mandali

To serve the world by providing hospitality and to open ashrams

Jijnasa mandali

To provide training for messengers

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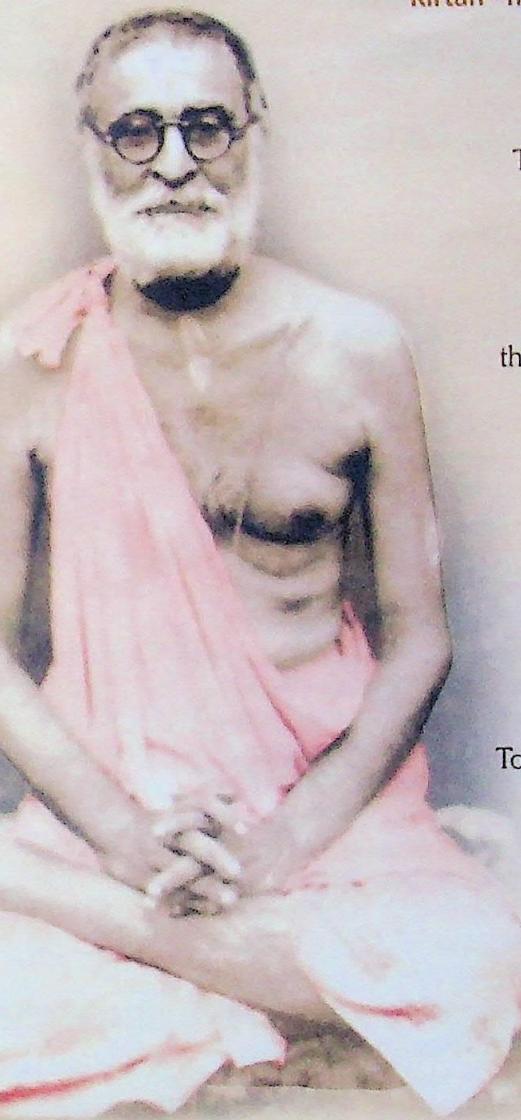
To provide planning for the World Vaishnava University

Sastra prachar division

To work towards preservation of the literature legacy

Sastra siksa prachar division

To protect the purity of his teachings



Kirtan - melas - festivals - ratha yatras

To uphold the concept of unity in diversity

Dhama seva

To maintain sacred places by keeping the dhama clean and fixing old temples

Educational seva

To maintain and expand the Bhaktivinoda Institute and values education

Bhumi seva

To provide research for environmental protection

Vaishnava artists

To glorify deities through theistic exhibitions

Prasad seva

To distribute food to the needy

Vishnupriya seva

To provide protection for women in ashram life

Science materials

To encourage and maintain harmony between Vaishnava sampradayas

Many Missions with one vision

We humbly request your help to make all these objectives possible.

"Every mission should have a WVA secretary established in every country and city they preach"
Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Goswami Maharaja

In service of the above ideals,

Srila Jiva Goswami's followers in the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha-World Vaishnava Association.





▼ Prabhupada's birthplace in Jagannath Puri.



▼ Sri Siddhanta Sarasvati at a young age.



▼ Srila Prabhupada during chaturmasya-vrata.

A DIVINE LIFE

Childhood, 1874 - 1892

Srila Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur made his appearance in Purusottama Kshetra (Jagannatha Puri) in the state of Orissa, on Friday, February 6, 1874. He was the fourth son of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Srimati Bhagavati Devi. He was a beautiful child with all the bodily symptoms of a great personality, as they are described in the scriptures. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur named his son Sri Bimala Prasad, meaning "the mercy of the transcendental potency of Lord Jagannatha, Srimati Bimala Devi."

Sri Bimala Prasad displayed extraordinary ability in mathematics and astrology. His teachers were always amazed by his mastery of Bengali and Sanskrit. Due to his extraordinary intelligence and memory; his pure, moral and devotional nature; and his scholarship in many different subjects, including the scriptures, his teachers named him Sri Siddhanta Sarasvati "master of scriptural conclusions."

As a young boy he published books on astrology, such as *Surya Siddhanta* and *Bhakti Bhavan Panjika*. Later while still a teenager, he founded the August Assembly. All members of the Assembly had to take a vow of lifelong celibacy. Many educated people, both young and old, took part in the Assembly.

In 1885 Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur founded the Vaishnava Depository, a press located in his own home. He also re-established the "Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha" (great assembly of the vaishnavas of the world)

Many well-known personalities attended the society's meetings and participated in discussions. Srila Sarasvati Thakur used to carry *Bhakti Rasamrita Sindhu* (The Ocean of the Nectar of Devotion) by Srila Rupa Goswami

to these meetings, and listen to the discussions with rapt attention.

Sanskrit College and Work, 1892 - 1905

In 1895 Srila Sarasvati Thakur accepted a job with the independent state of Tripura, as a scholar and tutor for the royal family. After King Virchandra passed away in 1896, his son, King Radhakisor Manikya Bahadur, requested Srila Sarasvati Thakur to tutor the princes, and later to supervise the estate in Kolkata. But Srila Sarasvati Thakur soon wished to retire from this job, and the King allowed him to do so in 1905 with full pension. He accepted that pension until 1908.

Bhajan Life and Initiation, 1898-1905

Previously, in 1898, Srila Sarasvati Thakur had visited different places of pilgrimage such as Kasi, Prayag, and Gaya. At Kasi (Benares), he had an extensive discussion with Ram Misra Shastri about the Ramanuja sampradaya. During this period the renunciate nature of his devotional life became very apparent.

"If I keep studying at college with great attention, then I will be under a lot of pressure to enter family life. But if I am seen as a stupid, incompetent person, then no one will try to influence me towards material progress. Thinking this, I left the Sanskrit College in order to live a life of devotional service. I wanted a pious occupation so I could have a modest income."



The family of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Srimati Bhagavati Devi (Srila Prabhupada is on the top-left).



Gaudiya Math sankirtan party.

Bhajan Kutir at Sri Vrajapattan, 1909

In February 1909, Srila Prabhupada built a small bhajan kutir near the bhavan, or residence, of Sri Chandrasekhara acharya, who was the maternal uncle of Sriman Mahaprabhu. Remembering Mahaprabhu's Vraja lila performed there, he called this place Sri Vraja-pattan. Srila Prabhupada continued his service at Sri Yoga Pith (the birthplace of Sriman Mahaprabhu), but stayed at Sri Vraja-pattan. At this time his mother, Srimati Bhagavati Devi, was staying at Yoga Pith and assisting him in his service to Sri Mayapur Dham.



On the day Prabhupada accepted sannyas, 1918.

Brahmins and Vaishnavas, 1911

In 1911 the vaishnava devotees were confronted by a great deal of hostile criticism from the orthodox brahmanas of Bengal, known as the Smarta Samaj. These brahmanas, although they had no real scriptural knowledge, were very proud of their own birth and social position. In accordance with Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur's desire Srila Prabhupada arranged a meeting with the brahmana pandits at the town of Balighai, in Medinipur district.

Srila Prabhupada read there his famous article, "Brahmana and vaishnava," in which he quoted from many scriptures glorifying brahmanas and vaishnavas. Initially, he glorified the brahmanas in quality and quantity, and towards the end of his exposition he established the superiority of vaishnavas over all other classes of people.

The Printing Press and the Anubhasya, 1913-1915

In 1913, Srila Prabhupada established a press called Bhagavat Yantralayain Kalighat in Kolkata. He began publishing and printing books such as *Sri Chaitanya charitamrita* with his commentaries called *Anubhasya*, *Srimad Bhagavad Gita* with the commentaries of Sri Vishvanatha Chakravarti Thakur, the *Gaurakrishnodaya* by the Oriyan poet Govinda Dasa, and so forth.

Sri Kshetra-mandal Parikrama, 1918

To celebrate the fourth disappearance anniversary of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur, Srila Prabhupada set forth for Puri Dham on June 2, 1918, along with twenty-three other devotees conducting extensive preaching



Sri Sri Vraja Mandala parikrama.

and sankirtan. Many distinguished government officers and citizens came to listen to his lectures, and some of them invited him to lecture at their homes. During August and September of 1918, a representative of a group of opponents of vaishnavism presented Srila Prabhupada with twenty-nine questions. He answered all of them on the basis of scripture and logic and thus silenced his opponents. These questions and answers were subsequently published in an article called "The Answers to the Questions of the Critics."

Gaudiya Math in East Bengal, 1921

In October, Srila Prabhupada established the Sri Madhva Gaudiya Math in Dacca and installed deities there. On his return from Dacca, Srila Prabhupada restored some ruined temples and places of pilgrimage from the time of Sriman Mahaprabhu's pastimes, and reestablished regular worship there. Among them were the famous Gaura Gadadhara temple in Champahati, the birth site of Sri Vrindavan Dasa Thakur, the guesthouse in Modadrumadvipa, etc.

Publication of the Gaudiya Magazine, 1922

On August 19, 1922, Srila Prabhupada began publishing a magazine called *Gaudiya* from the Krishna Nagar Bhagavat Press, which would become

the most famous and widely distributed spiritual Bengali magazine and one of the chief instruments of Srila Prabhupada's preaching mission.

Devotees Attacked: Gaura-mandal Parikrama, 1925

On January 29, 1925, Prabhupada took many devotees and went on Gaura-mandal parikrama to visit and preach at the various places where the pastimes of Sriman Mahaprabhu and his associates took place. That year, in Navadvipa, the imitators of Gaudiya Vaishnavism (the sahajiyas) and the commercial exploiters of the vaishnava concept attacked the devotees that were assembled at Paramatalat with carriages which had been filled with broken bricks draped with cloth.

Many of the devotees were wounded; all of them tried to look for shelter in the nearby homes, especially for Srila Prabhupada. Amidst the shock and confusion, somehow Sripad Vinoda Vihari Brahmachari managed to take Srila Prabhupada inside a house, there he exchanged his white clothes with Srila Prabhupada's saffron clothes so Srila Prabhupada wouldn't be recognized, then he very quickly took Srila Prabhupada away to a safer place. Thus, Sripad Vinoda Vihari Prabhu managed to protect his spiritual master by his extraordinary dexterity and presence of mind.

▶ Publications

Left. "Nadiya Prakash", published in 1926 which later became a daily, in both Bengali and English.

Middle. "Sajjana Toshani" published in 1879 by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur which after became "The Harmonist".

Righth. "Gaudiya", published in 1922 which would become the most famous and widely distributed spiritual Bengali magazine.



The Mayapur Exhibition, 1930

On February 3, 1930, Srila Prabhupada arranged a spectacular spiritual exhibition at Mayapur. Thousands came to see the exhibition, which contained many stalls depicting stories and lessons from the *Srimad Bhagavatam* through dioramas and paintings. Sri Jagabandhu Datta, a rich businessman from Kolkata, had the good fortune of associating with Srila Prabhupada. He was extremely impressed by Srila Prabhupada's Hari-katha and began to have a clear concept of Sri Mahaprabhu's message of pure devotion.

Preaching Mission expands to the West, 1933

Srila Prabhupada sent his preachers all over India, Burma, England, France, Germany, and the United States. He wanted to spread Mahaprabhu's message all over the world so he used to tell his disciples: "We'll go on our preaching mission riding horses, elephants, trains, boats, and airplanes." His dream of preaching all over the World was later greatly fulfilled by his disciple Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami who took initiation from Srila Prabhupada in 1933 in Allahabad.

On March 18, 1933, Srila Prabhupada gave instructions to Srila Bhakti Pradip Tirtha Maharaja, Srila Bhakti Hridaya Bon Maharaja, and Srila Samvidananda Dasa Bhakti-sastri as they were departing to preach in Europe. At a meeting that was arranged to see them off, Srila Prabhupada gave a farewell address entitled "Amar Katha" (My message).

In the beginning of May, Srila Prabhupada's disciples established a preaching center in Kensington, London. At the end of that month, Srila Prabhupada received letters inquiring into spiritual matters from Lord Zetland, who had formerly been the governor of Bengal, and the Marquis of Ludian, to which he replied. In June he received letters of appreciation from Lord Irwin's secretary, the Marquis of Ludian, the editor of the London Times, and Sir Stanley Jackson. In July, Srila Prabhupada's disciples met with King George V and Queen Mary at the Buckingham Palace, and also with the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Last Days, 1936

On October 24, 1936, Srila Prabhupada traveled from Kolkata to Puri Dhama. He arrived with many disciples, including Sridhara Maharaja, Kunjavihari prabhu and Hayagriva das bramachari. Srila Prabhupada seemed to be in a deep form of meditation and devotion; in Puri he showed transcendental

symptoms of divine ecstasy. Occasionally he told the devotees: "We have to serve our Lord in order to gain eternal service at His lotus feet. We must not waste time!"

On December 7th of the same year, Srila Prabhupada left Puri to Calcutta. The pastime of his disease took place there; therefore his disciples called upon the most famous physicians of the city to take care of him full time. When asked how he was, Srila Prabhupada said that his only problem was that he was not allowed to do Hari-kirtan.

Divine Disappearance, 1936

On the morning of December 31st, 1936, Srila Prabhupada asked Sridhara Maharaja to sing the song "Sri Rupa manjari-pada sei mora sampada" of Srila Narottama das Thakur. Afterwards, he expressed gratitude to some of his disciples for their service, and gave instructions for the future. Finally he said: "love and separation have the same end in view". Srila Narottama das Thakur explained this concept of Srila Rupa and Sri Raghunatha, saying, "We must also live our lives according to this concept."

At about 5:20 the next morning, Sripad Pranavananda brahmachari was at the bed of Srila Prabhupada. Suddenly, Srila Prabhupada said, "Who is here?" Pravadananda prabhu said: "Prabhupada, it's me, Pravadananda." Srila Prabhupada said: "Oh Pravadananda prabhu!" Pravadananda prabhu asked: "How do you feel Prabhupada?" Srila Prabhupada said: "What can I say? Hare Krishna! Hare Krishna!" These were his last words.

Pranavananda prabhu went to his room where he sat thinking: "What would happen if he left us now? What should we do?"

His thoughts were interrupted by the sound of footsteps. It was Krishnananda prabhu, who said: "Come immediately! I think the major disaster has occurred." The sound of unrestrained crying was heard throughout the Gaudiya Math and surprisingly, all the clocks of the Math stopped working.

On Thursday, January 1st, 1937 at 5:30 am, Srila Prabhupada left this world to enter the nisanta lila of Sri Sri Radha-Govinda. In this hour before dawn, when Sri Sri Radha-Govinda are united as one and the divine pastime of Sri Gaura Sundara manifests, the most worshiped Lord of the Gaudiya vaishnavas, Srila Prabhupada, who called himself Varsabhanavidayita das (the servant of the beloved of Srimati Radharani) entered the abode of eternal pastimes.

PRABHUPADA'S IMPACT ON THE WORLD



Srila Bhakti Vaibhava
Puri Maharaja
• Circled the world
12 times

Srila Bhakti Hridaya
Bon Maharaja
• Writer and first preacher in the
West (England and Germany)

Srila Bhakti Raksaka
Sridhara Maharaja
• Founder of
Sri Caitanya Sarasvat Math

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta
Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada

World pioneer
Srila A. C. Bhaktivedanta
Swami Maharaja

Srila Bhakti Pramode
Puri Maharaja
• Writer and first
WVA president

Sadananda das
• First european disciple and writer

Throughout the years, Gaudiya Missions have spread throughout the world in great numbers.

Right now, there are more than four thousand temples worldwide, with several new temples still being established each year. These temples, which act as centers for Vaishnava worship, learning and community, have helped to spread Srila Prabhupada's influence across the globe.



Srila Gaurakishora das Babaji Maharaja
Srila Prabhupada's diksa Guru



Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur
Srila Prabhupada's father and Guru



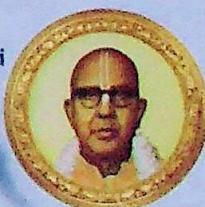
Srila Bhakti Pradip
Tirtha Maharaja
• Sent to England



Srila Bhakti Vilas
Tirtha Maharaja
• Managed the
Gaudiya Math



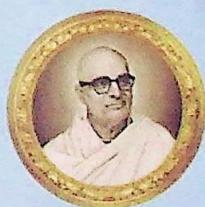
Srila Bhakti Prajnan
Kesava Maharaja
• Founder of
Gaudiya Vedanta Samiti



Srila Bhakti Saranga
Goswami Maharaja
• Second preacher
in the West



Srila Bhakti Kumud
Santa Maharaja
• Last living disciple



Srila Bhakti Dayita
Madhava Maharaja
• Founder of Sri Chaitanya
Gaudiya Math



Srila Bhakti Keval
Audolomi Maharaja
• Managed the first english Math
and Gaudiya Mission

These pictures of disciples from all over the world showcase Srila Prabhupada's deep and enduring global influence.

THE SACRED WOMAN: VISHNUPRIYA



► Srila Prabhupada's worshipable mother, Srimati Bhagavati Devi.

One of the most important contributions of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur was the establishment of the Vishnupriya Ashram or spiritual shelter for women. His concern over the lack of a real transcendental refuge for women in this age of Kali-yuga motivated him to provide an opportunity for them to pursue devotional life in an atmosphere of safety and support.

Born from pure devotee parents, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur gave shelter to all. His mother, Srimati Bhagavati Devi, stayed in Yoga Pith to help him in his service and her samadhi is situated there under the temple of Sri Lakshmi-Nrisimhadeva.

In his classic work *Prema Pradipa*, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur mentions several holy women leaders who were highly respected and the women's ashrams which operated under their guidance.

Srila Prabhupada saw the continued importance of supporting the spiritual aspirations of women; therefore, he also established a number Vishnupriya ashrams.



Srimati Bhavatarini Devi



Srimati Krishna Mayi Devi



Srimati Rama Devi

SRILA PRABHUPADA'S CONCERN FOR WOMEN DEVOTEES

On September 21, 1925, Prabhupada gave a long lecture to the devotees assembled at the Gaudiya Math about how to lead an exemplary, devotional life. An excerpt from that lecture follows:

All of you please perceive everything of this world as ingredients for serving Krishna; everything of this world is actually meant for Krishna's service. Please see the whole race of women as beloved consorts of Krishna, and help them to always engage themselves in the service of Krishna. Please do not consider them as objects of your sense enjoyment. They are to be enjoyed by Krishna; they are never to be enjoyed by the living entities. Please do not see your fathers and mothers as a means to your own sense gratification, but see them as Krishna's fathers and mothers. Please do not see your sons as a means to your own sense gratification, but see them as belonging to the group of servitors of Bala-Gopala. With your eyes please see the Kadamba tree, the river Yamuna and her sandy banks, and the beauty of the full moon. You won't have any more mundane feelings; you will see Goloka, and the beauty of Goloka will manifest in your home. Then you won't have any material feelings for your home. You will be relieved from the propensities of the householder life.

Our Maths are being built at many places, and many sannyasis, vanaprasthas, grihasthas, and brahmacharis are living there all the time and receiving the opportunity to learn spiritual conduct. But we have been trying for a long time to also give the women the opportunity for devotional service. Of course, those who have the facility and opportunity for devotional service in their own homes do not need a separate residence.

But every so often we hear that many of them get impeded in their devotional service due to bad association. It would be very beneficial for them if we could build Sri Vishnupriya-palli ("palli" means "neighborhood") in Sridham Mayapur near the residence of Sriman Mahaprabhu, and if they can live there separately from their families and render devotional service. They actually belong to the group of Sri

Vishnupriya Devi (the wife of Sriman Mahaprabhu, who was left behind in Navadvipa when He took sannyasa). Therefore, it is proper for them to live in the house of Sriman Mahaprabhu and to serve Him under the shelter of Sri Vishnupriya Devi. There should not be any bad association or mundane male association for them. Only a few devotees like Ishana (the old devotee servant who took care of Sri Sachidevi and Sri Vishnupriya Devi after Sriman Mahaprabhu left) would stay at a distance and take care of them.

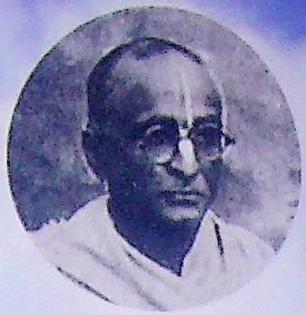
It is necessary to have such an exemplary neighborhood so that women can read scriptures every day, discuss devotional topics with each other, and have ishta-gosthi about devotional topics, so they can give up all luxury and live an exemplary, saintly life and always chant the holy name and take care of the ingredients of Sriman Mahaprabhu's service and serve Him in every way.

Sarasvati Jayasri, p. 339

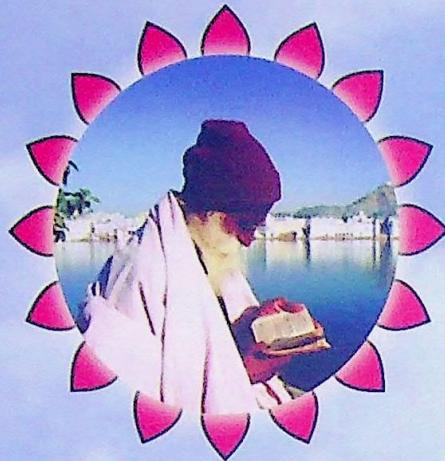


► Srimati Vishnupriya Devi

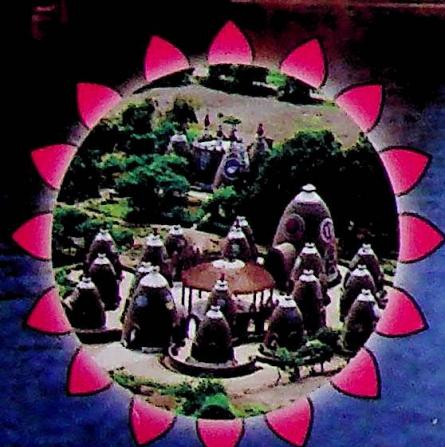
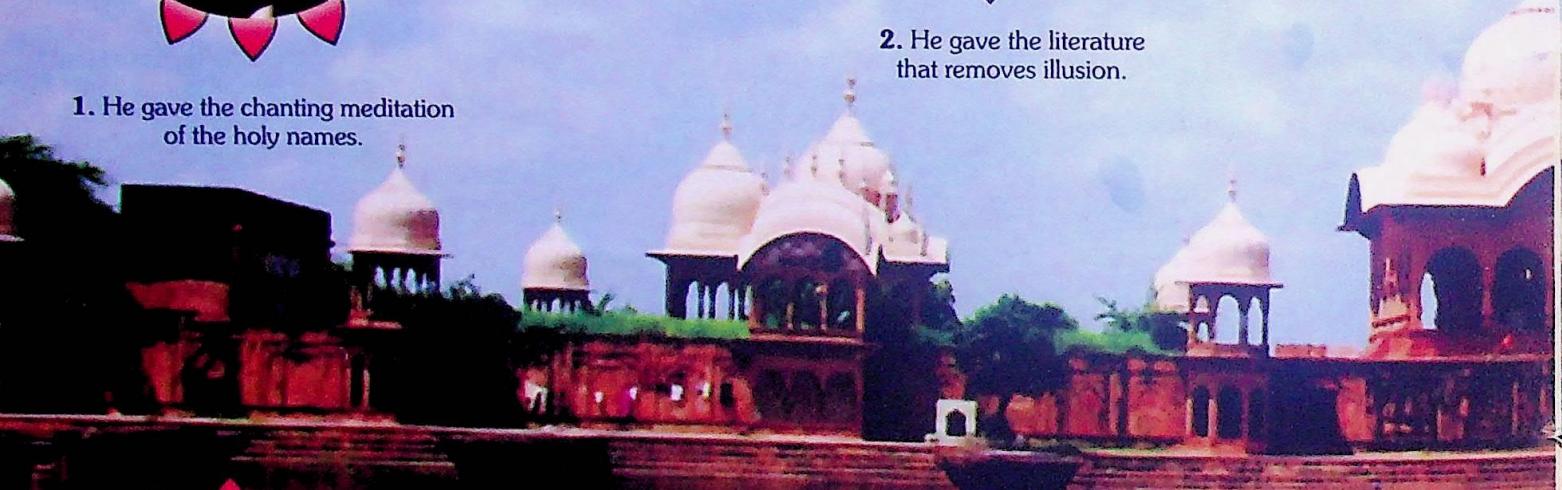
HOW PRABHUPADA POURED SOLIDARITY INTO THE WORLD



1. He gave the chanting meditation of the holy names.



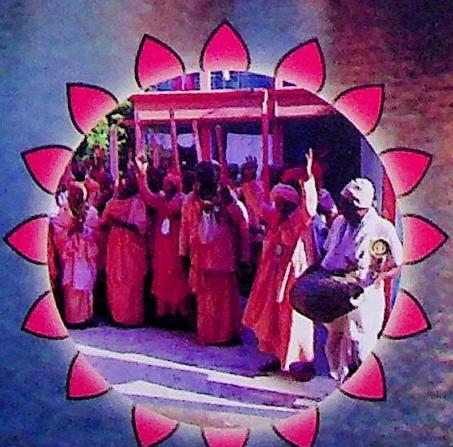
2. He gave the literature that removes illusion.



5. He gave Eco Yoga Villages to teach simple living and high thinking.



6. He gave the strength to build up healthy families.



7. He gave the goals to unify all spiritual warriors and welfare workers.



Kusum Sarovar is the place where Varsabhanavi Devi, Srimati Radharani, picks flowers for Her puja.

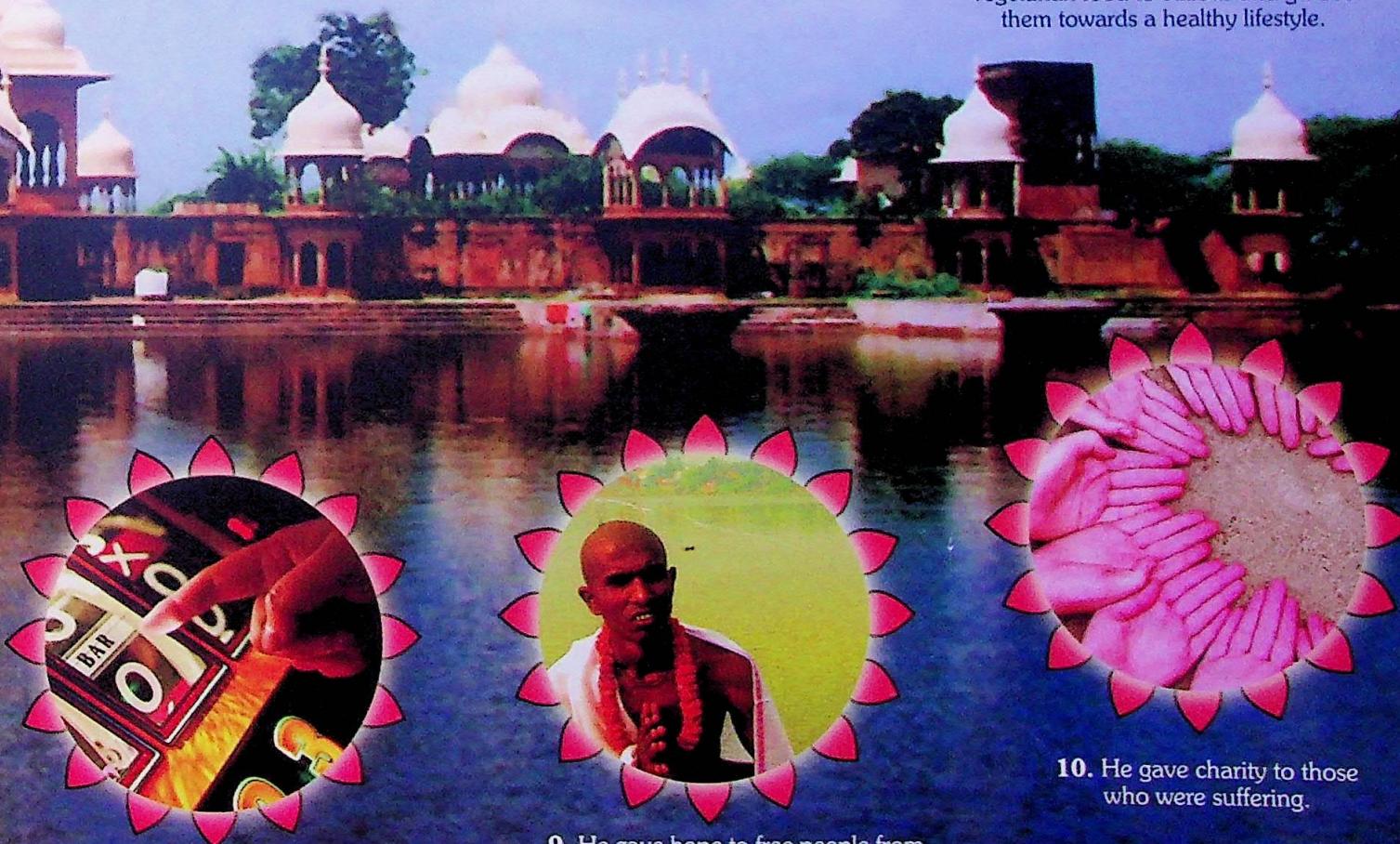
Srila Prabhupada's gifts of love were like flowers.



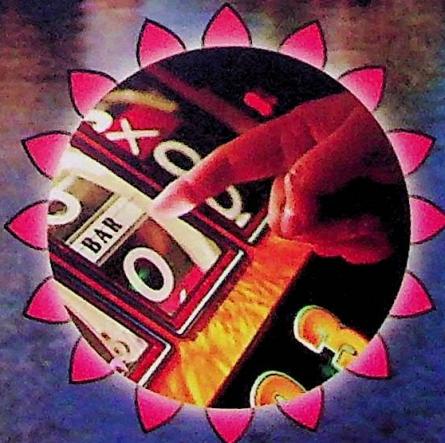
3. He gave the culture to inspire devotion and to overcome meaningless and mundane activities.



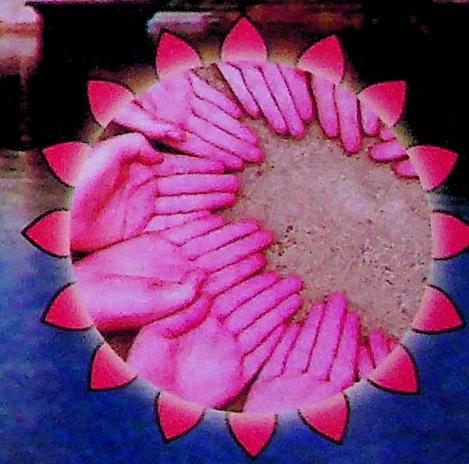
4. He gave mercy in the form of offered vegetarian food to billions and guided them towards a healthy lifestyle.



8. He gave the strength to kick out bad habits such as gambling.



9. He gave hope to free people from addiction, corruption and social injustice by following sacred vows.



10. He gave charity to those who were suffering.



Akar Math - Chaitanya Math, Mayapur.



Bagh Bazaar Gaudiya Math - Chaitanya Math,
Kolkata.

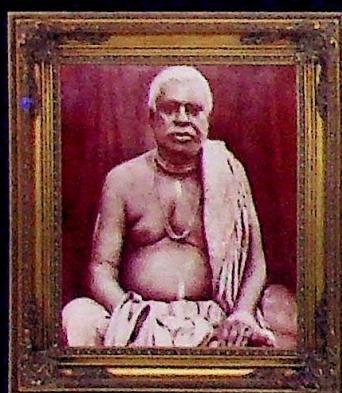


Vraja Mandala parikrama.



Birthplace - Purusottama kshetra.

SRILA PRABHUPADA'S MUSEUM PROJECT



Father - Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur.



Jagannatha Mandir - Puri, Orissa.





Prabhupada and his disciples.



Preaching to foreigners.

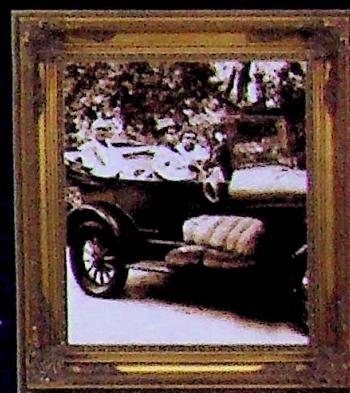


The 108 exhibits of the Prabhupada Museum can be downloaded to create a temporary or permanent exhibit anywhere. To download them you can simply go to the following address and click download.

bhaktisiddhanta.com/museum

Online interactive visit of the museum and DVD will be available soon.

“Let the world know more about the great personality who changed our lives”



Yukta vairagya - Utilizing all tools for Krishna's service.



Birthplace of Sri Chaitanya - Yoga Pith, Mayapur.



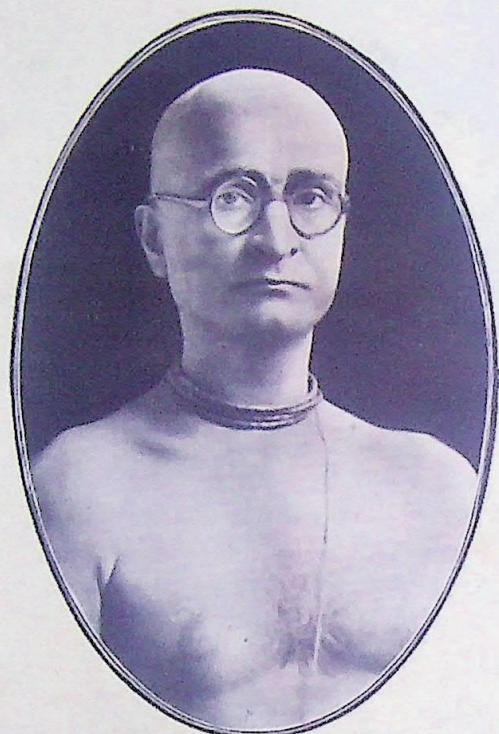
Samadhi Mandir - Chaitanya Math, Mayapur.





MEMORIALS

FOR THE HERO WHOSE EXAMPLE WILL PURIFY ALL OTHERS



► Above - Sri Gaudiya Math, Jagannatha Puri In Srila Prabhupada's birthplace there is a museum that exhibits his pastimes in dioramas.

Below - Museum, Jagannatha Puri
Srila Prabhupada and his parents.

Pandavali Kunja, Vrindavan Srila Prabhupada's world mission has the project to create a museum in this place about the history of Vaishnavism in Vraja and his contributions.

His life story should be included in every (school's) history books

Swami Vivekananda is world famous even though he himself converted only one western lady, Sister Nivedana to Hinduism. Albert Schweitzer opened only one clinic in Lambaréne, Africa. The reason they are still famous is that their contributions have continued to be talked about and publicized. This has been neglected in the case of India's greatest international hero of divine love, Srila Prabhupada. Gandhi is famous for his non-violent struggle to free India from British rule, but today India has become a slave to the bad habits of the western lifestyle, like watching television, consumerism, and addiction. To a large extent, India has forgotten to glorify Gandhi's call for simple living, cow protection, khadi use, cottage industries, self-sufficiency, and independence. Modern India has put Gandhi on every bill, but India's citizens are not following Gandhi's will.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Prabhupada was a true representative of Gandhi's ideals and Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's message of divine love. Even today, many of those all over the world who are inspired by him follow an exemplary lifestyle. Today we need to give faith to our younger generations by teaching them about his message of love, showing them what one man can do for the world, and by telling them stories about Srila Prabhupada.

Some ideas for propagating his message:

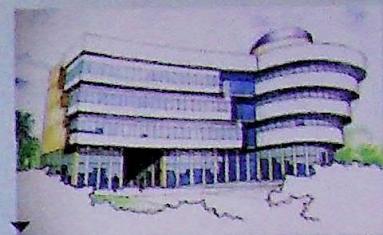
- Hang up downloadable campaign posters (on the right).
- Get authorities worldwide to dedicate public spaces to him.
- Show the movie and documentary about his life.



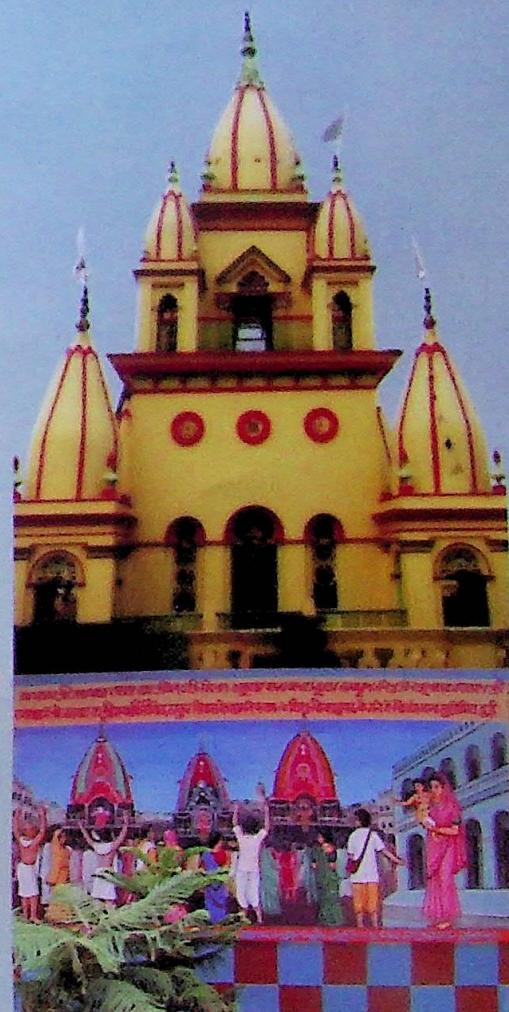
Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math, Govardhana right in front of the sacred hill of Govardhana there is a museum dedicated to Srila Prabhupada and to its founder, Sri Bhakti Dayita Madhava Maharaja's meeting him.

► Above - Bagh Bazaar, Sri Gaudiya Mission, Kolkata this is Srila Prabhupada's headquarter. Recently, Sri Gaudiya Mission obtained another piece of land right next to the Math to make a museum to glorify Srila Prabhupada.

Below - Museum, Jagannatha Puri Srila Prabhupada getting mercy from Lord Jagannatha.



Proposed to be constructed next to Bagh Bazaar - Gaudiya Math



THE TRUE MEANING OF LOVE



by Srila B. B. Bodhayan Maharaja

President Acharya of Sri Gopinath Gaudiya Math

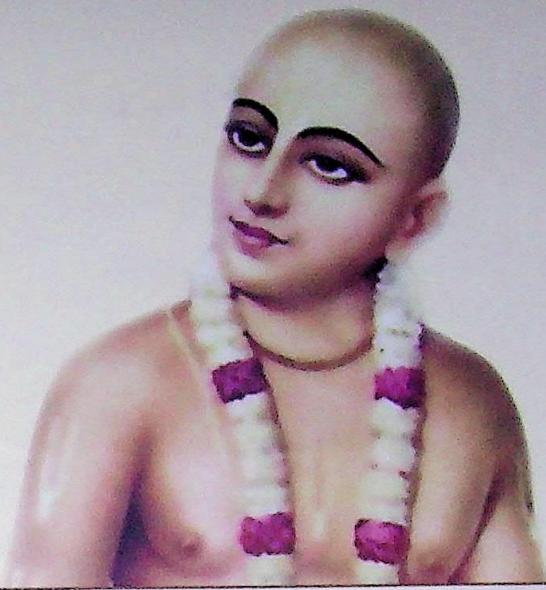


His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Thakur Prabhupada is the founder of a great mission to inspire people to be more loving. In order to share this taste of blissful love, the members of Srila Prabhupada's mission are spreading love all over the world. In this age of quarrel, Kali-yuga, it is most important for every family and all members of our society to understand true love. However, due to the lack of understanding of the word love, we are misleading people and making them more and more selfish. Therefore, we can see nowadays that in the name of love governments are issuing licenses which result in the increase of slaughterhouses, crime, genetically modified crops and the killing of animals and fellow human beings in general.

Srila Prabhupada is a follower of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the incarnation of love. According to the instruction of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, we have no right to kill any living entity. On the contrary, we need to deliver them from their current miserable conditions. Therefore, Srila Prabhupada established vegetarianism in his mission the consumption of vegetables, grains, milk products and absolutely no animal products.

Actually, we create our character according to our eating habits. For example, if a person is eats radishes

**Srila Prabhupada is a follower of Sri Gauranga,
the incarnation of love.**



the whole day, then by the end of the day his burp will smell of radishes only, not of anything else. If we eat animal products then our nature also becomes like that of an animal. Therefore, we can see day by day that, in the name of love, human nature is becoming licentious. In any metropolitan city or any busy park we can see that human behavior is without shame. We are seeing openly sexual behavior between boys and girls just as we see among animals. As a result one of the most important principles of humanity, controlling our senses, is diminishing day by day. To have an orderly human society we need to control our senses and maintain tolerance and monogamy.

Unfortunately, nowadays due to the misrepresentation of love and lust, people are unable to discriminate the real meaning of either word and are unable to understand the beauty of a monogamous society. Monogamy creates a beautiful atmosphere where parents can raise their children with peaceful minds, giving them proper affection and attention. As a result, these children grow to be healthy and happy adults because they were nurtured in a healthy and safe family environment.

It is important to understand that all vegetables, flowers, and fruits have life. They need to be delivered from their present life to the human form. Srila Prabhupada taught us to deliver vegetables by offering them to the Lord. The human form is the most important form

amongst all living entities because only in this form are we able to establish loving relations with every living being. Only this form will allow us to deliver ourselves from our miserable situation on this mundane Earth. Therefore, in order to survive in this mundane world without hurting anybody, we have to offer whatever we want to use to help us maintain our life. Therefore, Srila Prabhupada opened many centers in India and repeatedly said to please practice love. Only then can we be in love and will we be able to share this love with every living being.

Once, Srila Prabhupada told us that, in order to help someone properly understand love, we have to be willing to spend gallons of blood. This means that we have to spend a lot of time and energy on a person. In spite of the difficulties, if we keep endeavoring to spread the message of love amongst the people throughout our whole life and if only one person understands the real meaning of love and practices it, then our preaching endeavor will have been successful. In this age of quarrel, the embodiment of love has appeared in the form of the Maha - mantra "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare/ Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare." This is my humble request to all readers: please try to chant the above form of love manifested in this world as a mantra and maintain loving relations with all living beings, gradually proceed with your life and be delivered from your present miserable situation.

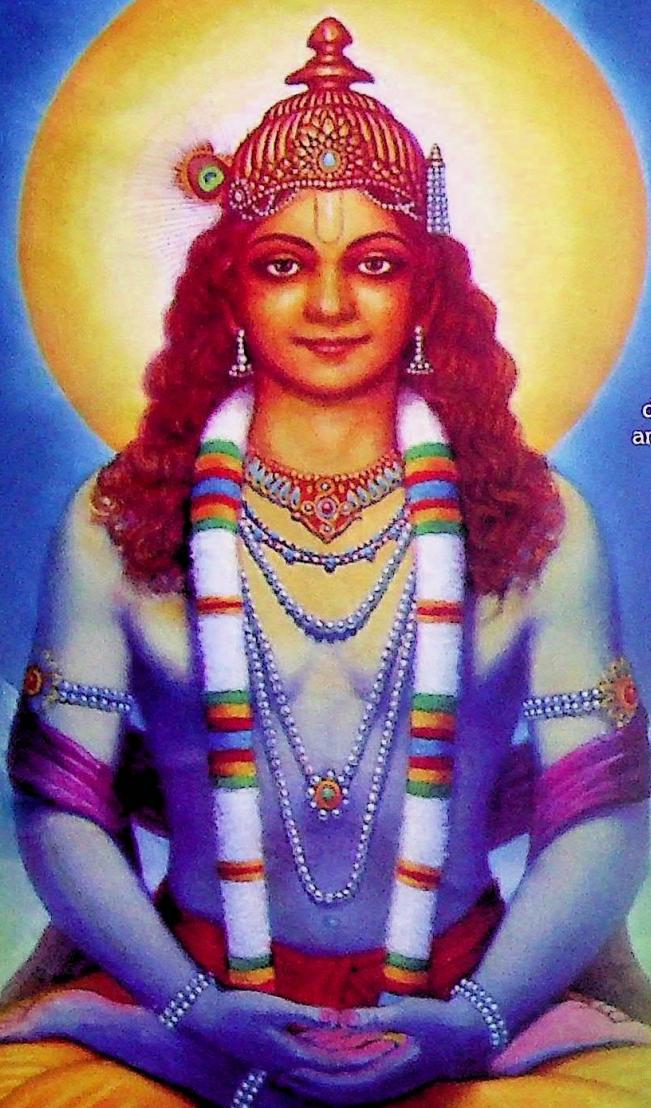


YOGA & HINDUISM

A DIVINE MESSAGE

With the Gaudiya Math a revolution started

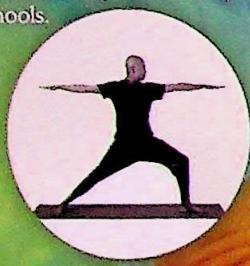
Om sarve bhavantu sukhinah



1. Thousands of people started looking to India for salvation and spiritual enlightenment.



2. Then a wave of interest in yoga asanas became so strong that yoga is nowadays even taught in ordinary western schools.



3. People were losing their faith in western medicine. So they started to put their faith in the ancient Indian medicine called Ayurveda. Most people could not get a clear picture of where the wisdom was coming from. What was the essence?



4. Some even thought that the only thing yoga and hinduism had to offer was a white light and the loss of all individuality.

7. Prabhupada taught us that the true follower of sanatana dharma is a well-wisher of all, and sent his students around the world delivering the universal meaning of yoga and eternal religion.



6. Prabhupada also taught the world how to worship the Lord and established places of shelter for those who wanted to get spiritual education.



5. Srila Prabhupada inspired the world by introducing kirtan of the holy names, the literature of the vedic sages, and an invitation to a world of eternal love.





YUKTA VAIRAGYA

TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNET FOR KRISHNA'S SERVICE

In the logo of the Gaudiya Math, created by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Prabhupada, there is a mridanga and a printing press within the concept of kirtan.

BOOKS - VIDEOS

PHOTOS - PROJECTS

WEB PAGES - VIRTUAL MUSEUM

*anasaktasya visayan yatharham upayunjatah
nirbandhah krishna-sambandhe yuktam vairagyam ucyate
prapancikataya buddhya hari-sambandhi-vastunah
mumuksubhih paritysgo vairsgyam phalgu kathyate*

(*Bhakti-rasamrita-sindhu* 2.255-256)

Srila Rupa Goswami

"When one is not attached to anything, but at the same time accepts everything in relation to Krishna, one is rightly situated above possessiveness. On the other hand, one who rejects everything without knowledge of its relationship to Krishna is not as complete in his renunciation."

This verse from the *Bhakti-rasamrita-sindhu* explicitly describes the path of renunciation known as Yukta Vairagya, originally established by Srila Rupa Goswami. Following the path of Yukta Vairagya means that we should not renounce material attachments by denying them, but rather we should use them in service of the Lord.

Srila Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta exemplified Yukta Vairagya when



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PRABHUPADA'S PERSONAL SITE
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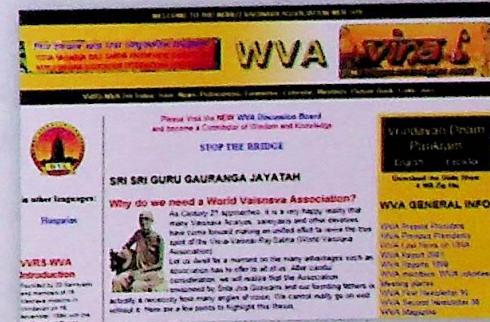
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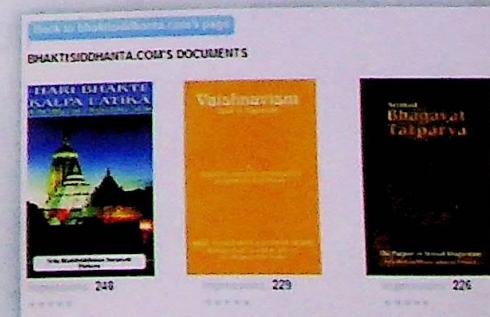
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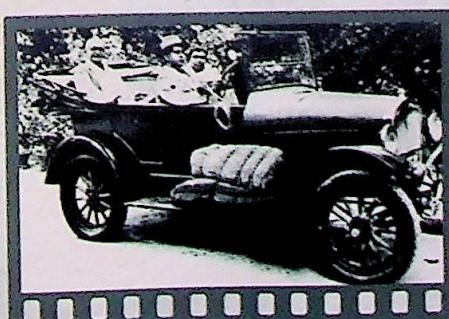
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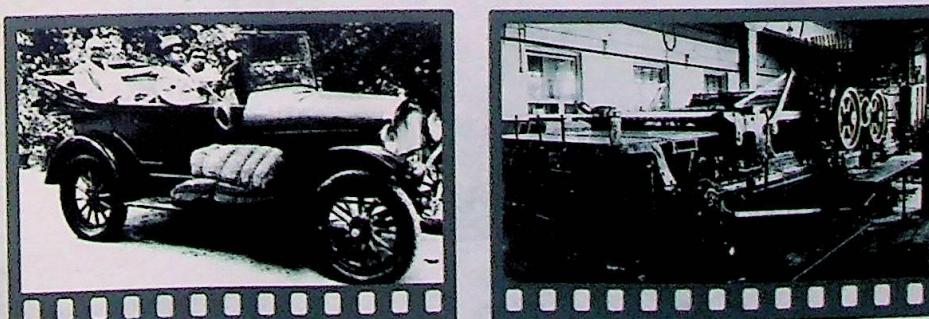
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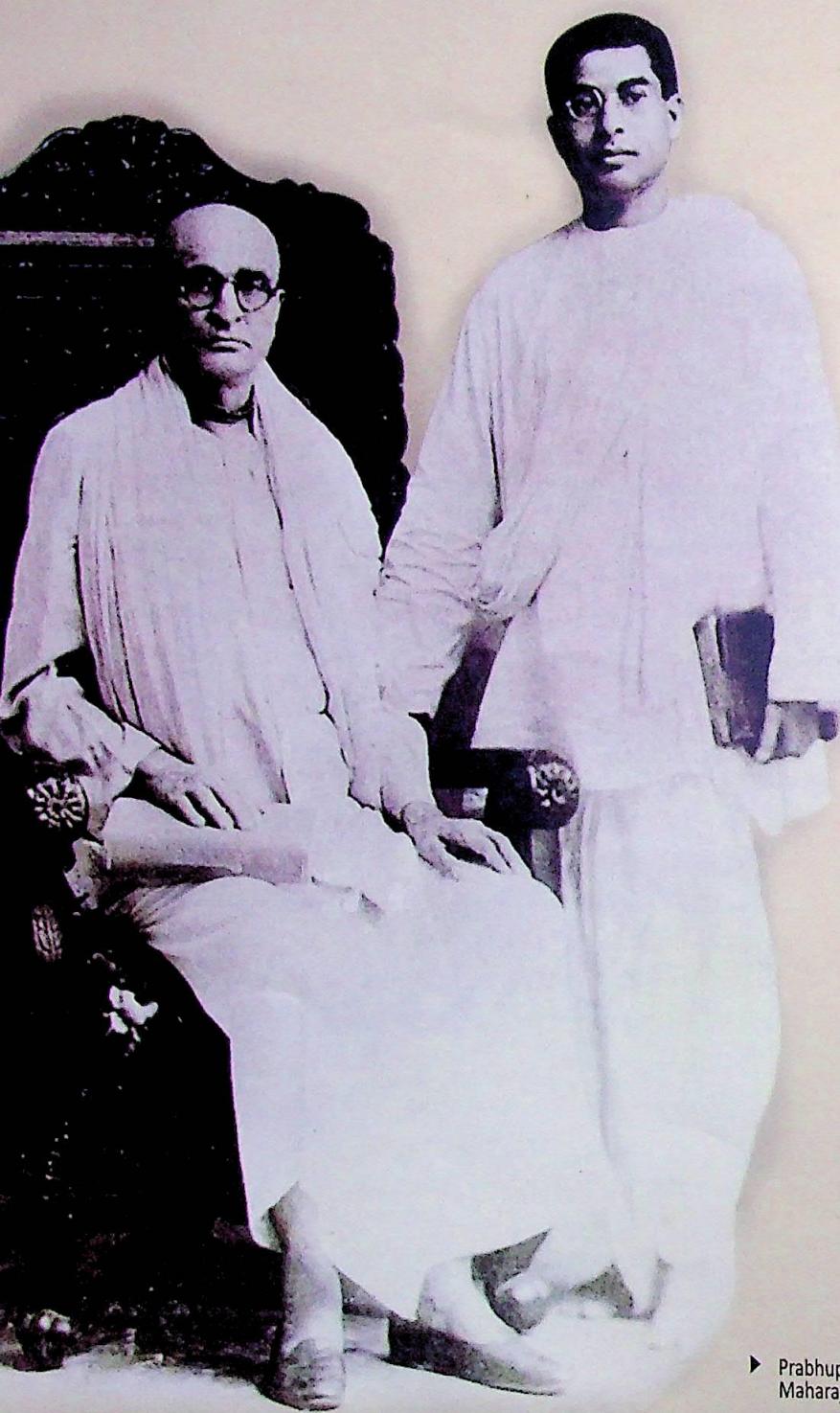


Prabhupada in a car - employing all resources as an instrument of preaching.



The printing press is equivalent to a mridanga which allows Mahaprabhu's message to sound all throughout the world.

PARAMPARA: A TRADITION OF COACHING THE SOUL



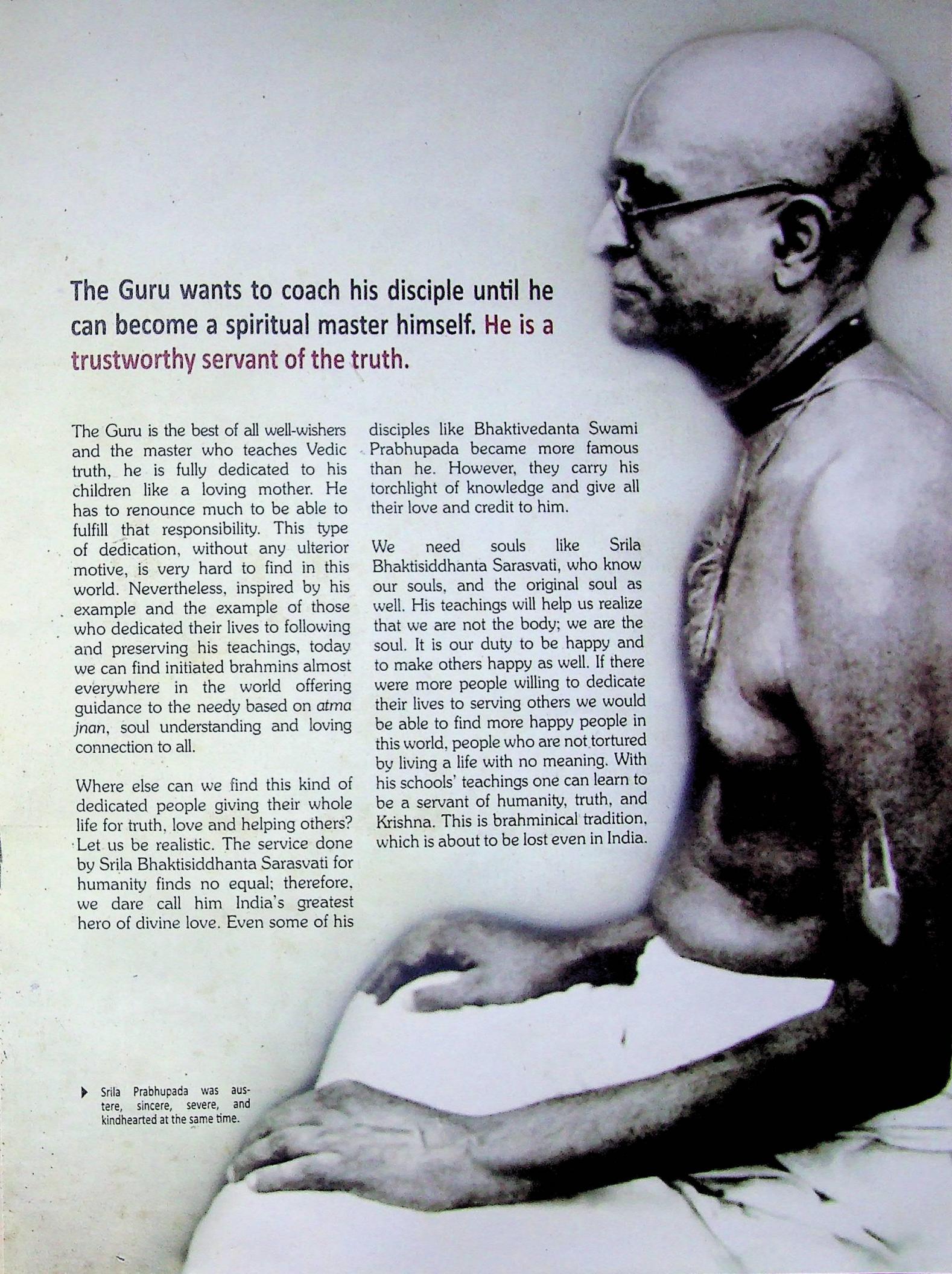
Nowadays people pay a lot of money for lectures and seminars on a wide variety of subjects, which are supposed to solve their daily life problems and help them understand their feelings.

Unscrupulous people under different names such as "marketing gurus" or "feel good gurus" take advantage of those who are searching for answers. Traditionally, people receive these kind of answers from gurus who have a true commitment to the welfare of others and are grounded in higher soul realizations.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta and those who were trained by him have taken on this responsibility as a service to humanity. They are on a quest to help all in the field of true wisdom and healthy attitudes. They teach that the weak need the strong to protect them, and the ignorant need the wise to guide them.

They represent the unique love without discrimination taught by the Yuga Avatar Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

► Prabhupada with Kunja Babu (Bhakti Vilas Tirtha Maharaja), his main secretary.



The Guru wants to coach his disciple until he can become a spiritual master himself. He is a trustworthy servant of the truth.

The Guru is the best of all well-wishers and the master who teaches Vedic truth, he is fully dedicated to his children like a loving mother. He has to renounce much to be able to fulfill that responsibility. This type of dedication, without any ulterior motive, is very hard to find in this world. Nevertheless, inspired by his example and the example of those who dedicated their lives to following and preserving his teachings, today we can find initiated brahmins almost everywhere in the world offering guidance to the needy based on *atma jnan*, soul understanding and loving connection to all.

Where else can we find this kind of dedicated people giving their whole life for truth, love and helping others? Let us be realistic. The service done by Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati for humanity finds no equal; therefore, we dare call him India's greatest hero of divine love. Even some of his

disciples like Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada became more famous than he. However, they carry his torchlight of knowledge and give all their love and credit to him.

We need souls like Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, who know our souls, and the original soul as well. His teachings will help us realize that we are not the body; we are the soul. It is our duty to be happy and to make others happy as well. If there were more people willing to dedicate their lives to serving others we would be able to find more happy people in this world, people who are not tortured by living a life with no meaning. With his schools' teachings one can learn to be a servant of humanity, truth, and Krishna. This is brahminical tradition, which is about to be lost even in India.

► Srila Prabhupada was austere, sincere, severe, and kindhearted at the same time.

MAY ALL BECOME HAPPY

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Prabhupada said:
"My mission is to make a temple in everyone's heart"

Why?
Because the Vedas say:

*Om sarve bhavantu sukhinah
Sarve shantu niraamayaah
Sarve bhadraani pashyantu
Maa kashcid-duhkha-bhaag-bhavet*

Om, may all become happy,
May all become free from illness.
May all see what is auspicious,
Let no one suffer.

How can we all be happy if we don't like each other? If we are mistreated, discriminated against, neglected or pushed aside?

If we each make a temple of God in our heart, we will love all people the way the Lord loves everyone. Sriла Bhaktisiddhanta Prabhupada sent his disciples to preach in Europe in order to spread this message of universal love. He was not after money, nor did he like the western lifestyle. He gave everyone a chance to serve, but he also said that the illusion of purchasable, material happiness must be crushed for people to understand spiritual life.

Prejudice kills humility by making a person feel superior to others. The perception that a scholar is more important than a simple devotee was debunked when Sriла Prabhupada told the story of the yogi and the cobbler who both requested Narada Muni to ask Lord Narayana how many more lives they needed to take birth in the material world. The yogi, proud of the austerities and penances he underwent for many years, believed he was an advanced mystic deserving of immediate liberation. He was told he still had one



*vande sri-krishna-caitanya-
nityanandau sahoditau
gaudodaye puspavantau
citrau sandau tamo-nudau*



I offer my respectful obeisances unto Sri Krishna Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, who are like the sun and moon. They have arisen simultaneously on the horizon of Gauda to dissipate the darkness of ignorance and thus wonderfully bestow benediction upon all.

hundred lifetimes to go; while the cobbler, being a humble and pure devotee, was told that this would be his last life before returning back to Godhead.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Prabhupada accepted his first German disciples, Baron Koeth and Sadananda Dasa, and showered them with mercy. He wanted to spend his last 10 years preaching in the West, because he was convinced that, if the people in the West took up Sri Chaitanya's teachings, Indians would reawaken to their lost treasure. That was his feeling of love for all.

Unfortunately, after his departure, not many could capture his spirit of generosity. Even today, amongst those who follow him in name, some severely discriminate against western vaishnavas or those who were not born in Brahmin families. Fortunately, the mission of his spirit is growing, and temples in the West are being expanded by those who are more broad-minded.

To make people happy, all devotees should try to understand the vision that Srila Jiva Goswami presented to us through the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha. Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada presented himself as the Pataraj of the Sabha. He gave the world a vision of numerous spiritual masters. He raised many children with great love and vision, and, amongst them, some stood out with glory like Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

It is not surprising that some of his godbrothers described him as a "Shakti Avesha Avatar" for fulfilling, to an unforeseen degree, the plan of his Guru. Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was an empowered incarnation. Therefore he was considered a confidential representative of Srimati Radharani. He appeared to fulfill the wish of his master to distribute generously love for God to the whole world. He gave us hope that truly one day everyone will become happy by his grace.

VRAJA-PATTAN ECO-YOGA VILLAGE

* Vraja-pattan means the place where Vraja is manifested.



Above - The Maha Samadhi of Srila Prabhupada

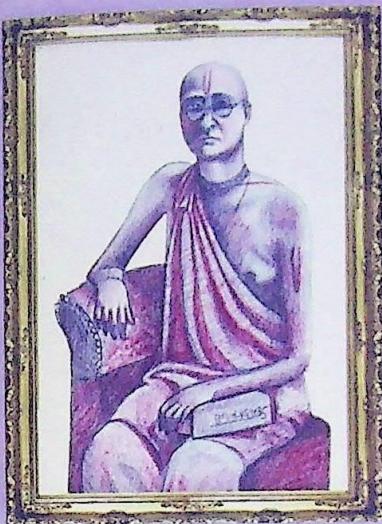
You cannot love nature or love your family if you use food that is full of dangerous chemicals. The vaishnava lifestyle is natural with a simple living and high thinking mentality. They offer everything they eat to God and prefer to use products which are in season, and that are both healthy and natural. This is the teaching of *Bhakti rasamrita sindhu*. There was no plastic or chemical fertilizers when Prabhupada preached; and Gandhiji could also see the danger of leading a toxic lifestyle. Growing organic food, maintaining cleanliness and not using plastic, which will end up in our holy rivers, will please Prabhupada and all mahatmas.

Srila Prabhupada managed a large ecological community in Mayapur called Vraja-pattan, with many farmers as part of the effort. It was a place of meditation and had lakes called Radha-kunda and Syama-kunda and a replica of the Govardhana Hill. The production of food and flowers for the deity was the main use of the land, and growing them took a lot of time and energy from his intensive schedule. Therefore, he requested Vinod Babu, who later became Srila Bhakti Prajnan Keshava Maharaja, to take over the responsibility of farming and producing excellent produce. He set the example of ashram communities centered on ecological agriculture and animal protection.

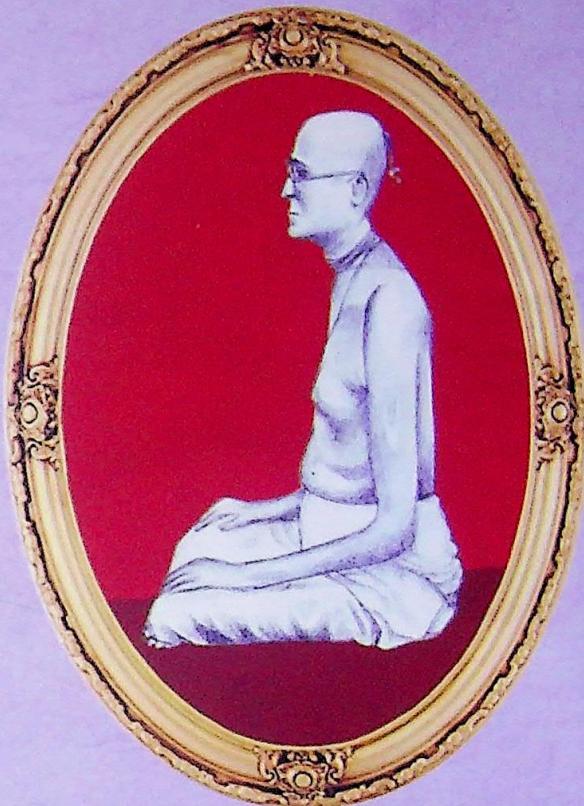
VAISHNAVA EDUCATION



Bimala Prasad
(Srila Prabhupada at the age of 7)



Gita dasi, 13 years old, Hungary



Vishvambar das, 12 years old, Brazil



Nityananda das, 12 years old, Peru

Drawings made by children who are devotees and who have been inspired by Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, who was a lifelong celibate monk, believed that a spiritual master is like a father to all his disciples. He saw his disciples as his children, and his care for them inspired them to love and respect him. He had a special concern for the spiritual growth of his children, so he created the Gurukul school system for them. He also trained the children to become monks, brahmacharis, and sannyasis, who preach everywhere and act as spiritual guides to the parents and children of Krishna conscious families. In today's modern world, remaining on a spiritual path requires a lot of work. We invite anyone who has worked with other vaishnava teachers or developers of vaishnava educational materials to share their experiences and wisdom, so that we can all work together to promote and teach Krishna Consciousness worldwide.

Srila Prabhupada said himself: "I would have had sex one hundred times, if I could have procreated one hundred Krishna-conscious children."



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His love for children encouraged the creation of the page: damodara.de which gives Srila Prabhupada's teachings to children.

If you want your children to get true spiritual and material education, find a place where educators are committed to Srila Prabhupada's ideals.

For example: Avanti school, Sandipani Muni School, Bhaktivedanta gurukul, Feducation.org, etc.



PRABHUPADA'S SPIRITUAL SUCESION



Gaudiya Math logo



The last Vyasa Puja celebration in 1936

One of the last recommendations of Srila Prabhupada was for his devotees to follow the teachings of Rupa and Ragunatha Goswami. He believed that the real followers of the truth will be known by their contributions to the welfare of others, and that truth cannot be confined to institutions or ecclesiastical structures. Even though, in the pain of separation after the departure of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada, some disagreement appeared among his devotees, the natural flow of dedication of his surrendered disciples created a host of different inspired branches or missions that enlarge and enhance his gift to the world continuously.

In the book *Our family, the Gaudiya Math* many of these branches and their contributions are described. Even now, it is very difficult to know all these new missions inspired by Srila Prabhupada, due to their spontaneous growth in places without internet connection. However, this system has kept Vedic culture alive until today.



AN EXTRAORDINARY PREACHING ORGANIZATION

In addition to his own greatness, Srila Prabhupada's unique and unprecedented contribution to the world of Gaudiya Vaishnavism included the extraordinary preaching organization that he envisioned, built, and nurtured. He alone brought a spiritual revolution to Bengal, India, and indeed, to the whole world. He wanted to leave behind a magnificent spiritual legacy in the form of a group of dedicated souls who would carry on his mission in his absence, and in the face of seemingly insurmountable difficulties. He attracted these pure hearts, taught and trained them, and left them behind to spread his movement even in the inevitable advancement of Kali-yuga. Even under the shelter of Srila Prabhupada's lotus feet, they had to face many tests and trials, but with Srila Prabhupada's divine guidance, ultimately fate favored them.

In the Gaudiya Math, devotees lived very simple. Sumptuous feasts were offered to the deities on festival days to distribute mahaprasad to the guests, the beggars and the poor. What the devotees ate every day was nourishing and satisfying, but plain. Their austerity was unsurpassed. They didn't have more than two sets of ordinary clothes each. In eating, sleeping, living, and traveling, they tried to do with the bare minimum. Every penny that came to the Math was recorded, and so was every penny that was spent. Some

of these financial statements, which were given in complete detail, can be seen in the old issues of *Sri Gaudiya Patrika*. In Prabhupada's Gaudiya Math, his disciples lived in an atmosphere of deep mutual affection and respect. Everyone was always extremely busy with their respective service, transcendently happy and peaceful.

Anyone coming to the Gaudiya Math would be awed by the divine personality of Srila Prabhupada, and then impressed by his team of dedicated disciples. The disciples of a guru are known as his *vaibhava* (wealth), and Srila Prabhupada was certainly a very wealthy spiritual master. This wealth of his was "in the form of ideal characters." Srila Prabhupada's disciples were known for their tireless enthusiasm for preaching, their undefeatable scholarship, their sincere humility, their strong moral character, and their total dedication to the mission of Gurudeva. All of Srila Prabhupada's disciples who stayed at the different Maths were intelligent, talented, hardworking, and knowledgeable about the scriptures.

The core of Srila Prabhupada's preaching mission consisted of eighteen sannyasis. We are presenting information about a few of them in this portrait to give more space to his personal achievements. On his website you can read a lot about his different disciples and their incredible life stories.



Once, asked by a young devotee what was the contribution of Srila Gaurakishora Das Babaji Maharaja to the Sampradaya, Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhara Maharaja responded with an annoyed voice: "Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur Prabhupada!"



A Few Outstanding Members of
Srila Prabhupada's Transcendental Family

THE MOST BELOVED

In the Gaudiya Math tradition it's very common to say:
**"My Guru Maharaja is the most beloved disciple of
 Srila Prabhupada"**

According to Western thinking, there can only be one "most beloved." But in the generous vision of love in the East, there is no contradiction when "the most" appears many times.

Many of these dearest contributors are hardly known, so we take this opportunity to glorify them.

1. **Srila Gaurakishora Das Babaji**
Diksa Guru of Srila Prabhupada.
2. **Bhakti Kankan Tapasvi Maharaja**
Acharya of Chaitanya Math. Pioneer preacher in Allahabad.
3. **Bhakti Prapan Damodara Maharaja**
Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada. Served in Purushottam Math in Puri and founder of the Sri Jagannatha Chaitanya Sangha.
4. **Bhakti Gaurav Vaikanash Maharaja**
Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada. Sannyasa Guru of many Godbrothers.
5. **Bhakti Saurav Bhakti Sar Maharaja**
Founding member of WVA-VVRS. Of Sri Gauranga Gaudiya Math.
6. **Nayanananda Das Babaji Maharaja**
Director of Champahati Gaudiya Math. President of the WVA.
7. **Bhakti Jeevan Janardan Maharaja**
Powerful preacher from Orissa.
8. **Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur**
Father of Srila Prabhupada.
9. **Bhakti Svarupa Krishnananda Maharaja**
Pioneer preacher in Belgachia. Founder of Gaudiya Mission in Kolkata.
10. **Bhakti Sharan Shanta Maharaja**
Founder of Bhakti Sarasvat Ashram.
11. **Bhakti Bhudev Srauti Maharaja**
Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada.
12. **Bhakti Pradip Tirtha Maharaja**
Disciple of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur. Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada. Pioneer preacher in the West.
13. **Bhakti Dayita Madhava Maharaja**
Founder of Chaitanya Gaudiya Math. Rescued the birthplace of Srila Prabhupada.
14. **Bhakti Niloy Giri Maharaja**
Founding member of WVA-VVRS.
15. **Bhakti Vijay Sagar Maharaja**
Founder acharya of the Sri Rupanuga Gaudiya Math in Mayapur. Preacher in West Bengal.
16. **Bhakti Sharan Trivikram Maharaja**
Intimate associate of Bhakti Dayita Madhava Maharaja.
17. **Narayan Dasa Bhaktisudhakar prabhu (Professor Sannya)**
Editor of *The Harmonist*. Learned scholar and talented writer (Author: Sri Krishna Chaitanya).
18. **Bhakti Prajnan Keshava Maharaja**
Founder of Gaudiya Vedanta Samiti.
19. **Bhakti Raksak Sridhara Maharaja**
Founder of Sri Chaitanya Sarasvat Math. Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada. Great writer and poet.
20. **Bhakti Vichar Jayavar Maharaja**
Head of Sri Chaitanya Bhagavat Math. Last Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada.
21. **Bhakti Sirup Puri Maharaja**
Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada.
22. **Bhakti Saranga Goswami Maharaja**
Founder of Gaudiya Sangha. Opened London Math and rescued Imlitala Mandir.
23. **Bhakti Mayuka Bhagavat Maharaja**
Completed Amritavani of Srila Prabhupada.
24. **Bhakti Svarup Parvat Maharaja**
Protector of Svarup Ganj. Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada.
25. **Bhakti Vedanta Swami Maharaja**
Founder of ISKCON. Conquered the whole World for Krishna.
26. **Bhakti Keval Audolomi Maharaja**
President of Gaudiya Mission. Bought many old Gaudiya Maths and rented places.
27. **Krishna Keshava Prabhu**
Helped to establish Chaitanya Gaudiya Math in Puri.
28. **Bhakti Vedanta Vamana Maharaja**
Head of Gaudiya Vedanta Samiti. Wrote several journals in Hindi, Bengali and English.
29. **Bhakti Vivek Bharati Maharaja**
Head of Sarasvat Gaudiya Assam & Mission. Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada.
30. **Bhakti Prakash Aranya Maharaja**
Founding member of WVA-VVRS. Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada.
31. **Bhakti Pramod Puri Maharaja**
Founder of Sri Gopinath Gaudiya Math. Editor and writer of the VVRS. President of the WVA.
32. **Bhakti Hridaya Bon Maharaja**
Founder of the Institute of Oriental Philosophy. Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada. First preacher in the West.
33. **Bhakti Vilas Tirtha Maharaja**
President of Chaitanya Math. Secretary for life.
34. **Bhakti Aloka Paramahamsa Maharaja**
Head of Sri Paramahamsa Gaudiya Math. Manager of the Gaudiya printing press.
35. **Bhakti Sirup Siddhanti Maharaja**
Head of Sarasvat Gaudiya Assan & Mission. The most beautiful temples of the Gaudiya Math with theistic exhibitions.
36. **Bhakti Kamal Madhusudhan Maharaja**
Head of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Math.
37. **Bhakti Vikas Rishikesh Maharaja**
Established a temple near Mumbai.
38. **Sadhananda Maharaja**
First German disciple of Srila Prabhupada.
39. **Bhakti Vaibhava Puri Maharaja**
Head of Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mission. Preached in many countries.
40. **Bhakti Kumud Santa Maharaja**
Head of Sri Chaitanya Ashram.
41. **Bhakti Sarvasva Satya Govinda Maharaja**
Dedicated exclusively to singing the holy name. Service in Radha Kunda.
42. **Bhakti Sirup Bhagavat Maharaja**
Acharya of Gaudiya Mission.
43. **Radha Govinda Das Babaji Maharaja**
44. **Bhakti Kusum Sraman Maharaja**
Acharya of Chaitanya Math. Publication manager of Sri Nadiya Prakash and Prabhupada's doctor.
45. **Jagad Bandhu Prabhu**
Donated Bagh Bazaar Gaudiya Math, Kolkata.
46. **Bhakti Sambandha Turyasrami Maharaja**
Sannyasi of Srila Prabhupada.
47. **Krishna Dasa Babaji Maharaja**
Great kirtaniya at the service of Srila Prabhupada.
48. **Sakhi Saran Dasa Babaji Maharaja**
Constructed the Yoga Pith Mandir and many other important Maths. Great dancer at the service of Srila Prabhupada.
49. **Indra Narayan Chandra Prabhu**
50. **Bhakti Sauda Ashrama Maharaja**
Preacher in Bangladesh. Established a temple in Mayapur.
51. **Sambhidananda Dasa**
Author of the book *The History and Literature of the Gaudiya Vaishnava* and preacher in England.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS



On December 23rd, 1936, Srila Prabhupada gave his final instructions to the assembled devotees:

Perhaps many people have considered me their enemy because I was compelled to tell the unadulterated truth. I asked them to serve the Lord with all sincerity. I have given much anxiety to many people only because I wanted to inspire them to serve Krishna sincerely without material desire and duplicity. One day they will understand this.

1. *sakale parama utsaha sahakare rupa raghunatha vani pracara sabara*

"All of you preach the message of Rupa and Raghunatha to everyone with great enthusiasm."

2. *rupanuga-pada-dhuli haite sabara (jena) carama akanksa citte jage anibara*

"May the ultimate desire to become a speck of dust at the lotus feet of the followers of Sri Rupa remain ever awake in our hearts."

3. *advaya-jnana-tattva vraje vrajendra-nandana (mula)-visaya-vigraha sei sarva-sevya-dhana*

"Vrajendranandana Krishna is the principle of non-dual consciousness. He is the root object of devotion and the treasured object of service for all."

4. *tanra aprakrta indriya tarpana uddeseasrayanugatye sabe thaka mile mise*

"In order to satisfy the transcendental senses of the one, non-dual Supreme Truth, remain united in following Radha, the original reservoir of love for Him."

5. *sabara uddeSYa eka sri-hari-bhajana taha sadhibare sabe karaha jatana*

"Everyone make the effort to perfect your worship of Sri Hari; make this the only purpose of your lives."

6. *du dinera jani ei anitya-samsara ihate mamata tyaji hao maya-para*

"Remember that this world is temporary and lasts only a day or two. Give up your family attachment and transcend this world of illusion."

7. *kona-rupe jivana nirvaha kari cala nitya-tattva krsna-bhakti karaha sambala*

"Maintain your worldly obligations in whatever way you can, but make the eternal principle, devotion to Krishna, the true purpose of your voyage through life."

8. *vipad ganjana sata sata se lanchana asuk tathapi hari-bhajana chero na*

"Let hundreds of dangers, insults or persecutions come, but in spite of them, do not give up your worship of Krishna."

9. *svarva-vighna-vinasana prabhu gaura-hari avasya sri-pade sthana dibena daya kari*

"Lord Gaura Hari destroys all obstacles on the path. He will surely be merciful and give you a place at His lotus feet."

10. *sri-krsna-vimukha heri adhikamsa jana suddha-krsna-seva-katha na kare grahana hayo na utsaha-hina tahate kakhana chero na jivatu tava nijera bhajana*

"When you see that most people are indifferent to Sri Krishna and show no interest in selfless service to Krishna and in talks about Him, don't be discouraged. First of all, never give up your bhajan, your life and soul."

11. *nija sarvasva krsna-katha sravanakirtana chariya daridrya kena karibe varana*

"Why would you accept the poverty of a life without hearing and chanting about Krishna, your sole wealth?"

12. *krsna-pada-padma maga jivera kalyana acire purabe vancha sarva-saktiman*

"Beg for Krishna's lotus feet, the ultimate benediction for all living beings. The Lord is all-powerful and will quickly fulfill your desires."

13. *asamartha nahe krsna dhare sarva-bala (krsna)-sevakera vancha kabhu na haya viphala*

"Krishna is not incapable. He is omnipotent,

and His servant's desires never go in vain."

14. *trapeksa hina dina apane manibe tru-sama sahya-guna bhusita haibe amani manada haye sada nama labe sri-nama-bhajane sarva-pradhana janibe*

"Please always chant the name of the Lord, being humbler than a blade of grass and more tolerant than a tree. Give all respect to others and demand none for yourself. Make the worship of the holy name the most important aspect of your devotional life."

15. *sri-caitanya-pravartita sankirtana yajna ihate laiya diksa bhajibena vijnna*

"A wise person will worship the Lord after taking initiation in the sacrifice of the holy name inaugurated by Sri Krishna Chaitanya and His associates."

16. *sapta-sikha nama yajnanale atmahuti visese kalite ei sastrera jukati*

"Offer yourself up to the seven flames of this sacrificial fire. The scriptures say that this especially is the religious principle for the Age of Kali."

17. *karma-vira dharma-vira haye kaja nai jnana-yoga-tapa-adi pathe kasta pai*

"We do not seek to become heroes performing great works or religious deeds. We will become distressed if we take up the paths of knowledge, works or austerities."

18. *sri-rupera pada-dhuli janaha svarupa sei se sarvasva tahe na hao virupa*

"Know that your true identity is to be a speck of dust at the lotus feet of Sri Rupa Prabhu; don't go against this identity, which is your treasure."

19. *rupanuga-varya hana sri-bhaktivinoda se bhaktivinoda-dharya bahe suddha moda*

"Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur is the best of the followers of Sri Rupa Goswami. The pure joy of devotional service comes in the stream that started with him."

20. *bhakti-rasmlta-purna sei puta dhara kakhano habe na ruddha sata-vighna dvara*

"That stream is holy and full of nectarine flavors of devotion. Even a hundred obstacles will never obstruct it."

21. *se dharaya haiya snata buddhiman jana bhaktivinoda-mano'bhista karaha purana*

"Intelligent persons who have bathed in the waters of that stream should endeavor to fulfill the heartfelt wishes of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur."

22. *bahu yogya krti-vyakti achaha tomara hao sabe aguwan esa kari twara*
"Amongst you are many capable and worthy individuals. So all of you quickly come forward and take up this task."

23. *dante trna dhari ei jac punah punah sri-rupa-pada-dhuli jena hai janma janma*
"Taking grass between my teeth, I pray repeatedly that I may become a speck of dust at Sri Rupa Goswami's lotus feet, birth after birth."

24. *ihā vina anyakanksa nahuka hrdaye ei vancha sarva-hrde hauk udaye*
"Other than this, I pray that no other desire will manifest in my or anyone else's heart."

25. *e samsare thaka-kale ache nana badha tahe muhyaman kabhu nahibe sarvatha*
"While living in this world, we encounter many difficulties; but there is no need for us ever to be bewildered by these difficulties."

26. *badha matra dura karai nahe prayojana atahpara kiba labhya cinte vijnana*
"We need make no effort to remove any of these obstacles. What is necessary for us, while we are still here, is to learn what is beyond – what will be the nature of our eternal life."

27. *nitya-atma ami mora nitya sei jivana ekhani hauk tara tattva-nirdharana*
"Let me realize at this very moment the nature of my eternal spiritual identity and my eternal life in the spiritual world."

28. *akarsana-vikarsanera vastu ache jata cahi va na cahi emana kahibe va kata*
"There are so many things that attract and repel us. There is no end to the things that we want and don't want."

29. *ei duhun mimamsa sighra kari matiman nitya-tattva krsna-bhakti karaha sandhana*
"We have to resolve what exactly we do or do not want and decide to search for our devotional service to Krishna, the eternal truth."

30. *o duwera yuddhe jadi jayi hate cao (tabe) aprakrta namakrsta hale raksa pao*
"If you wish to triumph over attraction and repulsion, then you should remember that by becoming attracted to the transcendental

holy name, you will be delivered from them."

31. *krsna-seva rasa-katha tabe ta bujhibe tuccha saba rasa prati ghrna upajibe*
"Then you will understand the nature of service to Krishna and the taste of His divine topics. Then you will feel nothing but disgust for the other insignificant pleasures of this world."

32. *krsnanusilana jata vardhita haibe (jara) visaya-pipasa tata kamite thakibe*
"As you continue cultivating your consciousness of Krishna, your thirst for material sense-objects will decrease."

33. *bara-i kathina tattva krsna-katha haya apata camaka-prada jatilartha-maya*
"The philosophy of Krishna consciousness is very perplexing. At first it seems startling and full of complex details."

34. *nami hate tantra nama adhika karuna asraya laile tattva karena jnapana*
"The holy name is more compassionate than the Lord of the name Himself. If one takes shelter of the name, then it unravels all these philosophical complexities."

35. *nitya-prayojana modera krsna-prema-dhana taha anubhave kama badhe sarvaksana*

"The treasure of love for Krishna is the eternal goal of our lives. At every moment personal desires interfere without our realizing it."

36. *namasraye sei badha hay apanita krsna-prema-rajye vasa haya abhipsita*
"By taking shelter of the holy name, all these obstacles are removed, and we can obtain the fulfillment of our true desire, which is to dwell in the realm of pure love of Krishna."

37. *e jagate keha nahe anuraga-patra athava viraga-patra nahe anumatra*
"In this world, no one is the special object of my affection, nor do I have the slightest hostility towards anyone."

38. *sakala vyavastha etha ksana-sthayi haya etha-kara labhalabha vicaraha naya*
"Whatever arrangements we make in this world are temporary. There is no need to waste time thinking about gain or loss here."

39. *sabakara labhya sei eka prayojana sri-krsna-padaravinde prema mahadhana*
"The only thing anyone should strive for is the one supreme goal of life. That is the treasure of love for Krishna's lotus feet."

40. *tad-uddesya sabe mili hao yatnavan eka-dhyana eka-jnana hao eka-tana*
"So, join together all of you and strive for this goal. Work together harmoniously, with a single thing in mind and a single understanding."

41. *ekoddesya aikatane avasthita hao mulasraya-vigraha-sevaya adhikara lao*
"Working together with the same purpose, we will become qualified for the service of Radharani, the original reservoir of love for Krishna."

42. *rupanuga-cinta-srota hok pravahita ta hate svatantrya kabhu nahe samhita*
"May the stream of ideas promoted by Rupa Goswami and his followers ever flow. We must never try to be independent of his doctrine."

43. *sapta-jihtva nama-sankirtana-yajna prati kakhano viraga jena na haya arati*
"May we never become indifferent or disinterested in the sacrifice of the holy name with its fire of seven flames."

44. *ekantanuraga tahe thake vardhamana tabe ta sarvartha-siddhi purna manaskama*
"In the performance of sankirtan, if your single-minded devotion goes on increasing, then all your desires will be fulfilled and all your goals, achieved."

45. *sri-rupanuga janera pada-padma dhara ekanta bhavete tandera anugatya kara*
"Take hold of the feet of the followers of Sri Rupa Goswami and follow them with exclusive commitment."

46. *sri-rupa-raghunatha-katha parama-utsahe birbhaye pracara kara sarva-siddhi jahe*
"Preach the message of Sri Rupa and Raghunatha fearlessly and with great enthusiasm. Through this preaching, you will attain all perfection."

From
Guruji



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Question: Material experience is all we have. How can we give that up and surrender to something transcendental?

Srila Prabhupada: We should not be afraid of it, thinking it will be very difficult. One has to have great strength of mind to know the truth. If one wants to learn to swim, he must not be afraid of water. At the same time, one should know that *saranagati* or the path of exclusive surrender is not a difficult thing. In fact it is very easy and natural for the soul. Anything which is opposed to it is unnatural and painful.

Q: Why is there so much misery in this world?

SP: The Supreme Lord says, "I have arranged so much misery, pain, trouble and danger, not to make you suffer, but to teach you that all this misery is unnecessary, so you will search for that happiness which is eternally desirable, the joy that is eternally adorable."

Q: What is the process for attaining happiness?

SP: When a devotee is firmly situated at the lotus feet of Gurudeva, he gets his association through his service. Then he gets relief from fear and grief and becomes really happy. If one is always engaged in the service of his spiritual master, with body, mind, and soul, one soon attains his mercy. When Gurudeva is pleased, then one's inclination to serve him increases day by day. This brings the highest benefit and is the only truly desirable thing.

Q: To whom does God not reveal Himself?

SP: God is infinite consciousness, and the living entity is finite consciousness. If someone wants to reserve part of

his consciousness for other things thinking, "I do not want to give God everything," then the infinite consciousness will not reveal Himself to that person.

Q: If I serve Krishna according to my liking, is that devotion?

SP: No. To serve Krishna according to His liking is devotion. What we like is a reflection of our material desires - not devotion. This is why we cannot be enjoyers or renunciates. We must become devotees, give up our independence, take shelter in Him, and take great care to make Him happy.

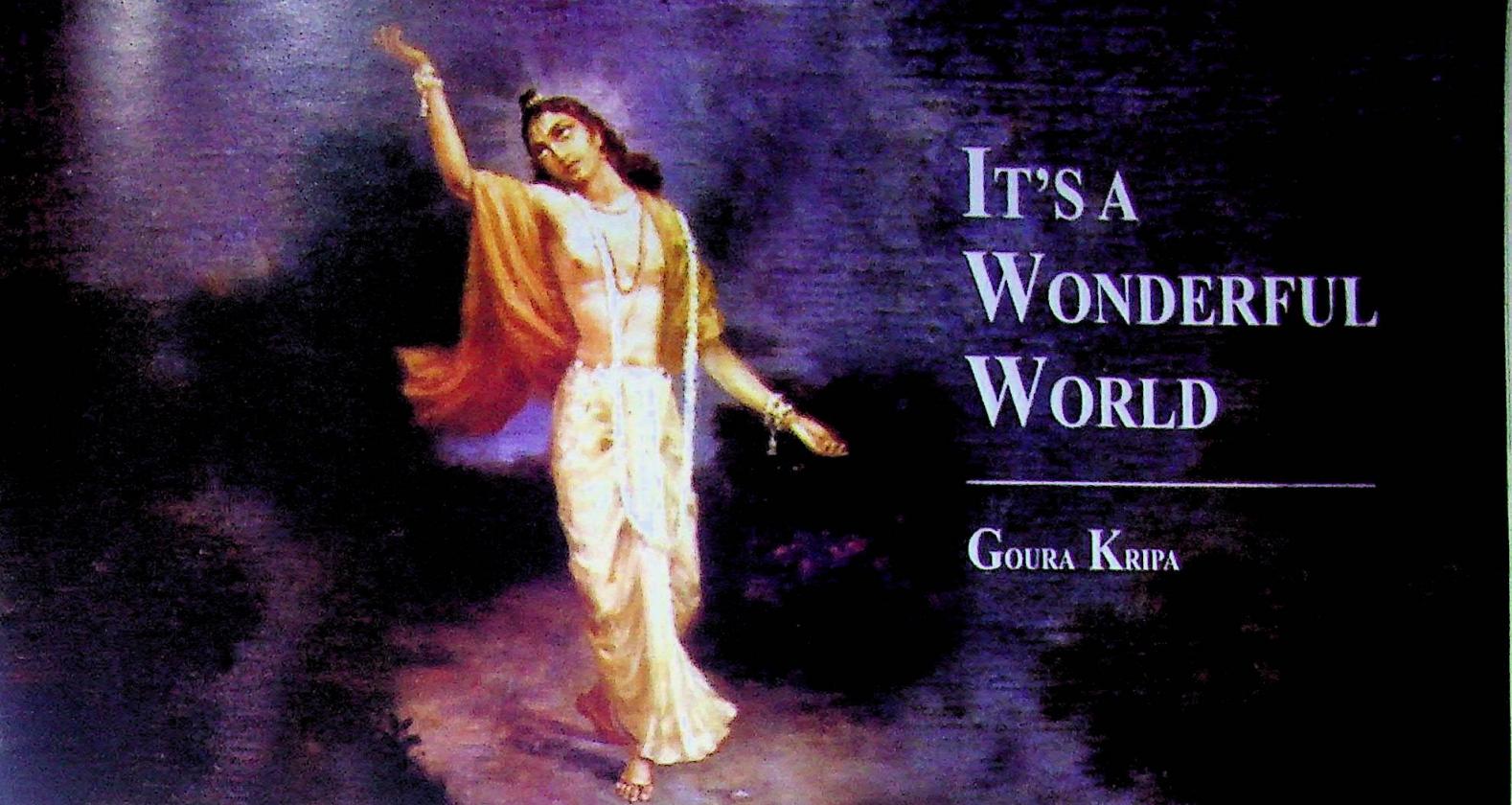
Q: When a devotee is born in a family, does the family benefit from his or her birth?

SP: When a great saint, a pure devotee, appears in a family, then all of his ancestors and descendants for a hundred generations are elevated. When a devotee of a middle stature (*madhyama bhagavata*) appears in a family, his ancestors and descendants for fourteen generations are elevated.

Q: Is the path of exclusive surrender and firm determination the most important thing for us?

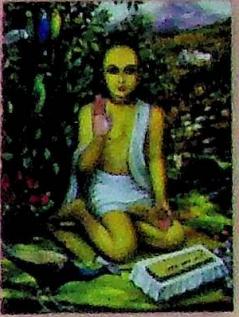
SP: Absolutely. One should also have such firm determination to worship the Lord - "I must receive His grace, I must not go astray. I must go on chanting His name. God will undoubtedly help me if I am a bona fide seeker."

To serve Krishna according to His liking is devotion.



IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD

GOURA KRIPA



The Origins of the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha

The visionary Srila Jiva Goswami introduced Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's pluralistic concept of unity among gurus, who were performing diverse services. He established the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha as an organization which would spread that message to all vaishnavas.

Srila Prabhupada Bhaktisiddhanta re-inaugurated the original Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha according to the instruction of his father. After Prabhupada's departure the mission spread out around the globe. Prabhupada took the initiative in such a revolutionary way that even people outside of Vedic Culture took notice and joined the Gaudiya Math or its branches.

Srila Maharaja especially requested all devotees to use the logo of the WVA in their books and events.

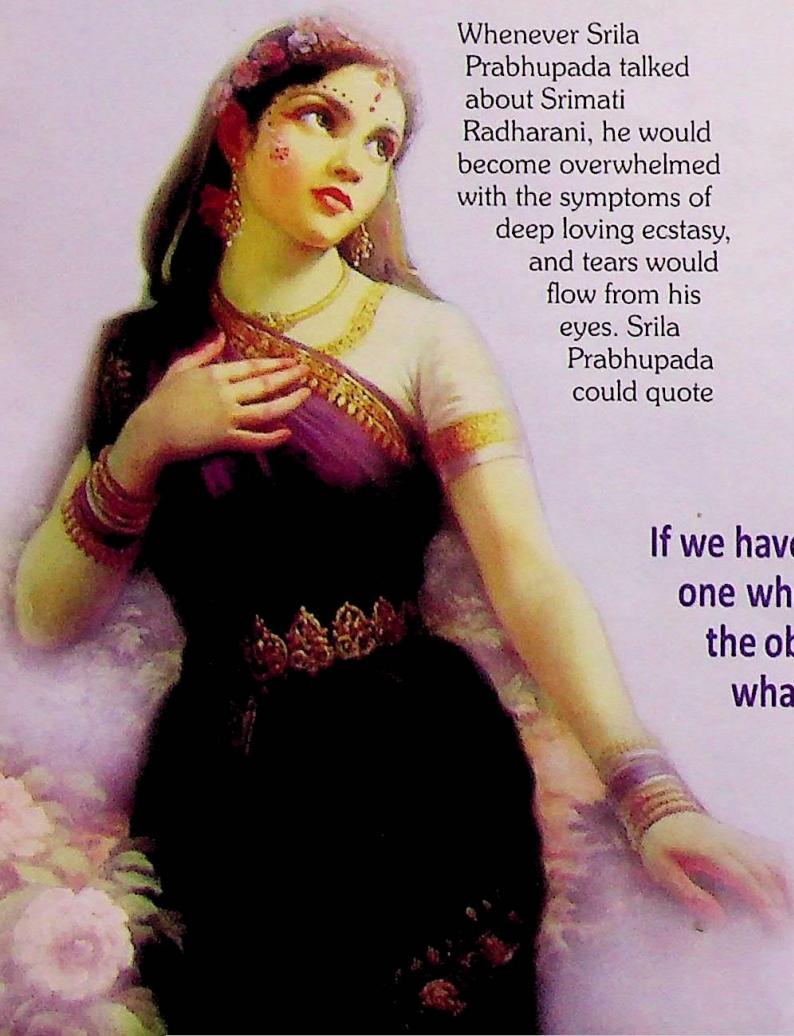
The Current Situation of the VVRS, World Vaishnava Association

Srila Bhakti Pramod Puri Maharaja and Srila Nayanananda Das Babaji Maharaja (beloved disciples of Srila Prabhupada) as well as Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaja (beloved disciple of Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhava Maharaja) accepted the responsibility of guiding the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha - World Vaishnava Association. They are stars in the sky of the vaishnava unity.

Srila B.B. Tirtha Maharaja himself helped by publishing this magazine and the "WVA portrait." He has intensified the East-West cooperation so that the whole world could become part of the mission of divine love. Srila Maharaja especially requested all devotees to use the logo of the WVA in their books and events. He also asked that a member of each temple should be appointed to create the WVA network of cooperation. Every preacher should have a chance to benefit from the materials the WVA has produced.

GLORIFICATION OF SRIMATI RADHARANI

When asked, "Who are the Gaudiya Vaishnavas?" Srila Prabhupada replied that they are the devotees of Srimati Radharani (*Sri Upadesamrita*, pg. 236). He called himself Sri Varsabhanavi-dayita Das (the servant of the beloved of Srimati Radharani). He said that Srimati Radharani, who is the transcendental energy of Sri Krishna and the personification of Sri Krishna's pleasure potency (*hladini svarupa para shakti*), is the spiritual master of all devotees. Indeed, She is even Krishna's Guru: Krishna learns to be an actor and dancer as Her disciple. Srila Prabhupada said that Srimati Radharani is Sri Krishna's eternal consort; She is the crest jewel of the gopis. Sri Krishna's beauty is so stunning that He Himself becomes enchanted by His own beauty. But if the beauty of Srimati Radharani were not greater than that of Sri Krishna, She could not enchant Krishna, who can enchant the whole universe. That is why She is called *Bhuvan mohan mohini* (the all-charming and attractive.) (*Sri Upadesamrita* pp. 330-1)



Whenever Srila Prabhupada talked about Srimati Radharani, he would become overwhelmed with the symptoms of deep loving ecstasy, and tears would flow from his eyes. Srila Prabhupada could quote



from memory all 104 verses of *Vilap-Kusumanjali*, (a famous composition of Srila Raghunatha Das Goswami addressed to Srimati Radharani in the mood of intense separation). He was always in a mood of separation from Srimati Radharani.

The following is an excerpt from a lecture given by him on the day of Radhastami in 1931 at the Sarasvat Nat Mandir of Sri Gaudiya Math:

Let that personification of supreme magnanimity, Srimati Radharani, who is always eager to collect the mercy of the Supreme Lord on behalf of all living entities, appear in our hearts and make Her presence known. Let Her appearance be our object of worship. Without submission to the one whom Govinda considers to be everything to Him (*sarvasva*), we cannot realize the meaning of the word "sarva." "Govinda *sarvasva*" - "sva" means "one's own and," "sarva" means "wealth." If we have the one who is Govinda's own wealth - the one who makes Him wealthy - and if She becomes the object of our worship, then we will understand what worship is. If after reading the 18,000 verses of the *Srimad Bhagavatam*, we do not come to know about Her, then our reading was in vain.

If by some unknown sukrti, we get the association of those who are close to Sri Vrisabhanu-Nandini (Srimati Radharani), if we are fortunate enough to hear about Her, then we can get the inspiration to proceed towards our supremely beneficial goal. She is everything to the son of Nanda, who is the reservoir of all ecstasy, and we will never attain devotional service to Govinda without serving Her and Her servitors. —Prabhupada Sri Srimad Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, pp. 99-100.

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RUPANUGA AND RADHA-DASYAM



Srila Prabhupada and his father, Srila Bhaktivinoda, were real *rupanugas* (followers of Srila Rupa Goswami). Srila Rupa Goswami was the leader of all vaishnava rupanugas and worshipped Radha Govinda in their majestic temple. They restored the good name of the vaishnavas and planned to spread their teachings around the world. The service to Srimati Radharani was their life and soul, and they desired to become servitors under Rupa Manjari in the eternal world of Radha-dasya.

Until their appearance, the followers of Sri Gauranga had no idea how the Lord's prediction, that his message would reach the whole world, could be fulfilled. Srila Prabhupada empowered and encouraged his disciples to travel outside of India to preach, and when Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was able to have the *Srimad Bhagavatam* and the *Bhagavad Gita* translated into almost all the main languages of

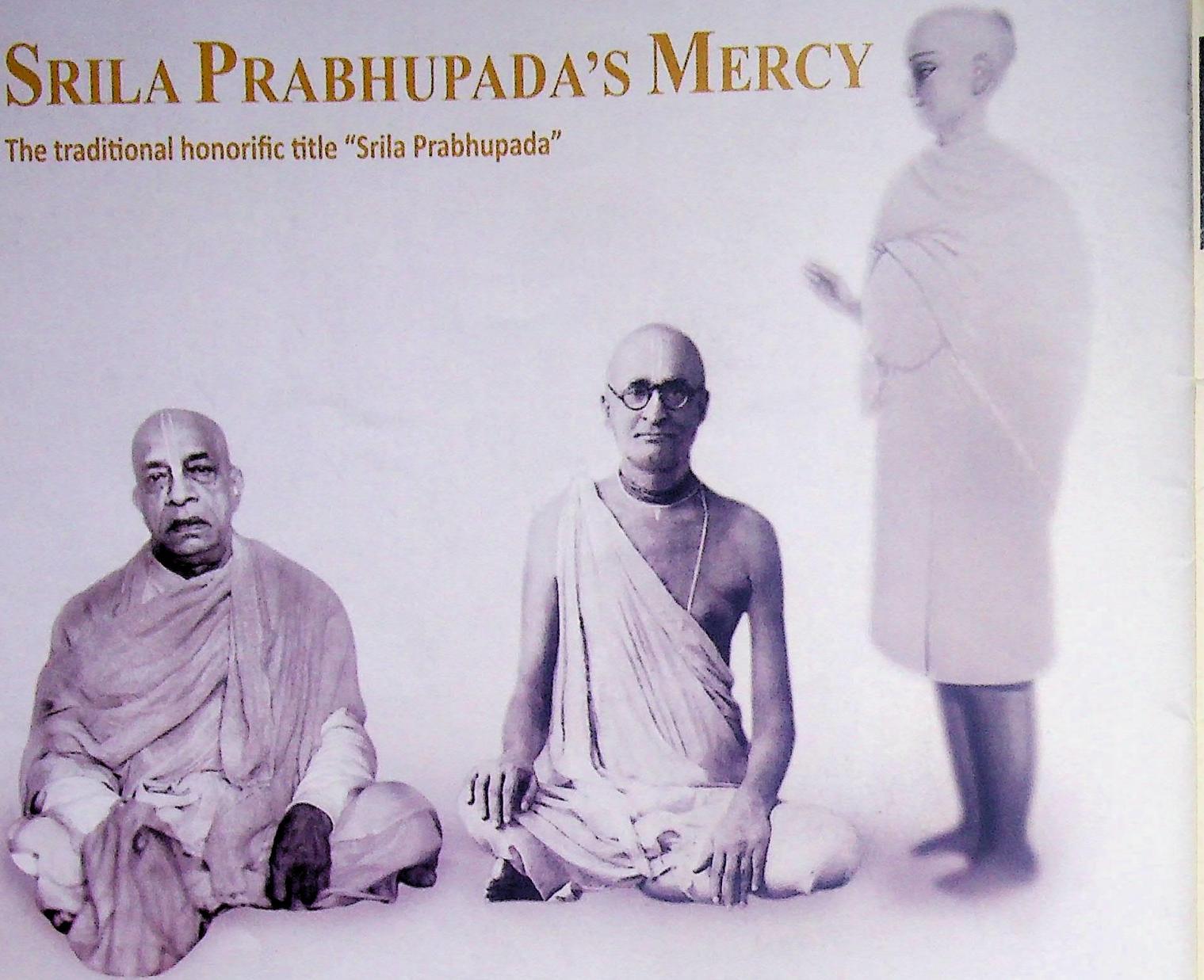
the world, this made spreading his divine message around the globe possible. Amongst the greatest disciples of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta, Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami stood out extraordinarily. The faithful followers of these fortunate souls who met and served under Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Prabhupada carry on the sacred plan of Srimati Radharani even today.

We invite our readers to please help spread his fame for the benefit of all. We especially invite everyone to study his message of the revival of pure spiritual love, which was his lifelong task and his most outstanding contribution to the welfare of mankind.

Bhakti yoga is the essence of all yoga. It is the yoga for uniting our soul with God so that we may never suffer again in this world of selfishness, birth and death. And remembering that eternal service to Srimati Radharani is the highest achievement for every soul.

SRILA PRABHUPADA'S MERCY

The traditional honorific title "Srila Prabhupada"



Noticeably some of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Prabhupada's disciples were especially empowered for different types of services. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur envisioned that the preaching message would reach the entire planet. Many of Srila Prabhupada's noteworthy followers were sent to the West like Srila Bhakti Hridaya Bon Maharaja and Srila Bhakti Pradip Tirtha Maharaja, among others. To everyone's surprise, after Srila Prabhupada's departure from this world, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja, who had been married during the time of his guru, took sannyasa from Srila Bhakti Prajnan Keshava Maharaja.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Prabhupada's desire was to live ten years outside of India to take the harinama sankirtan movement of Lord Chaitanya to the whole world, and Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was able to fulfill the desire of his guru. He traveled around the world thirteen times between 1965 and 1977,

establishing Temples in more than 108 places. That number has increased to about 4000 centers up to 2013.

Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj is also called "Srila Prabhupada" by his disciples. Since Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada has increased the fame of the honorific title "Srila Prabhupada", we would like to clarify that his own guru was first known as Srila Prabhupada.

It was predicted that a great commander devotee (senapati bhakta) would appear to fulfill Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's declaration that His name would reach every town and village and flood the world with the chanting of the Holy Names. Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was this senapati bhakta who got Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Prabhupada's mercy to fulfill that prediction.



SRILA PRABHUPADA: A GREAT VISIONARY

There are plenty of instructions and examples set by Srila Prabhupada which should inspire us to continue supporting or initiating activities to fulfill his vision. Perhaps you will find some of the points mentioned below appealing or inspiring. There are goals which may coincide with orders you have received from your spiritual master. So much has to

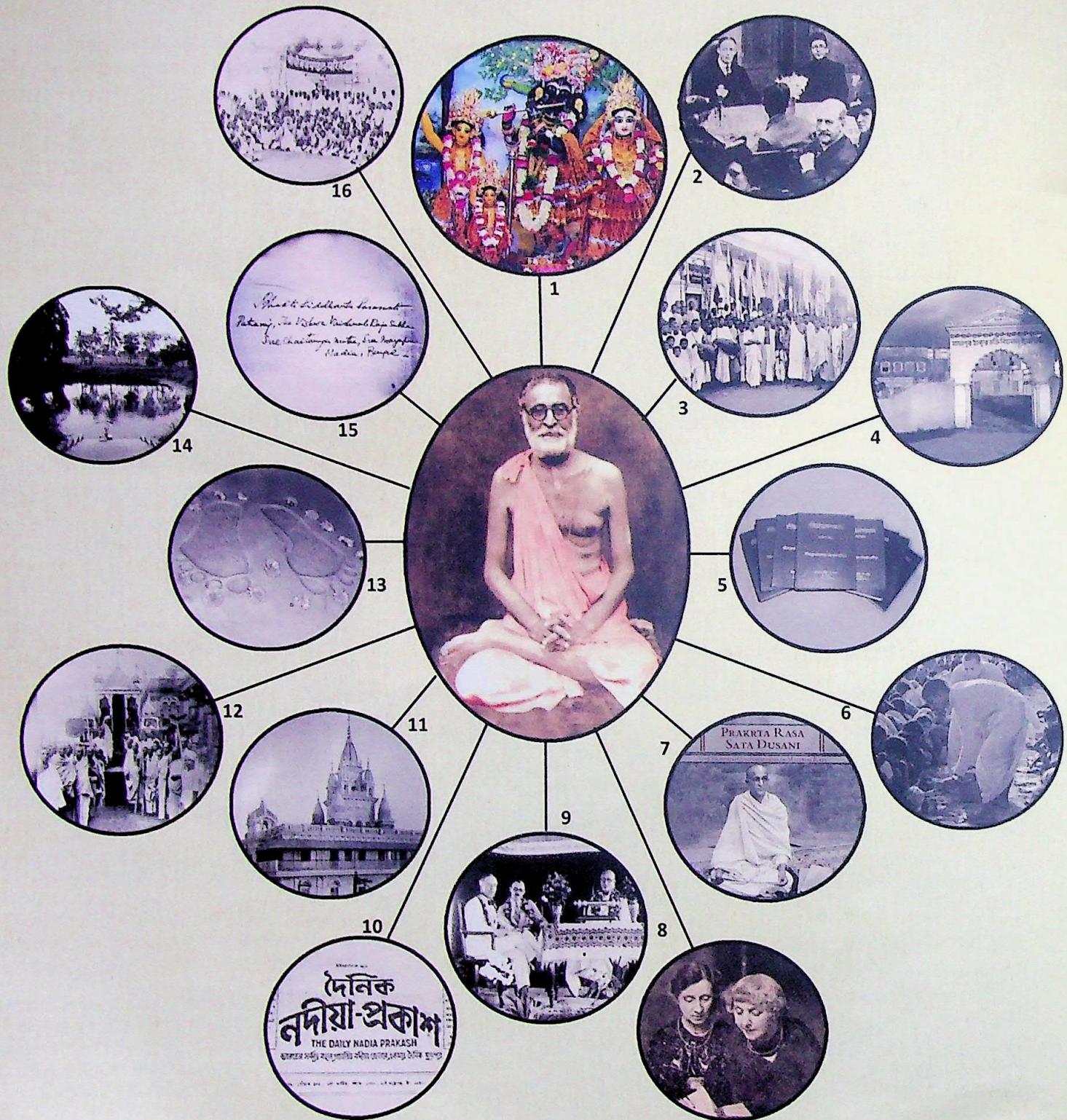
- To follow Srila Rupa Goswami and Srila Raghunatha Goswami with all of those who are inspired by them with great enthusiasm.
- To establish Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Radha Govinda mandirs in every town and village in the world.
- To establish youth hostels with temples where young people can get to know the vaishnavas.
- To train Gaudiya Vaishnava sannyasis to visit every house in the world.
- To inspire bhaktas to chant the holy names in every street and corner.
- To preach Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's message in foreign lands.
- To protect mother cows - *Go Raksha*.
- To distribute prasad (sacred food offered to Krishna) to the whole world.
- To protect women on the spiritual path by establishing Vishnupriya Ashrams.
- To restore all the holy places connected to Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and Radha-Govinda's lillas.
- To publish books and even daily newspapers focused on transcendental news.
- To work together harmoniously to establish the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha to accommodate the pluralistic platform of teaching sanatan dharma.

be done both internally and externally and, without cooperative efforts, many of these things may not be done extensively. We hope that this photo-biography will be instrumental in enthusing many more vaishnavas to participate actively in the efforts of showing the world how great of a visionary Srila Prabhupada was and how, by our joint efforts, his visions can gradually be fulfilled.

- To publish a Vaishnava encyclopedia.
- To establish schools around the world, like the Bhaktivedanta Institute in Mayapur, so that we can train new pure leaders and keep the Sanskrit language alive.
- To protect the holy rivers.
- To publish all the books from Srila Bhaktivedanta Thakur and other essential Gaudiya scholars, as well as various Vedic texts and to distribute them widely.
- To introduce people to their true identity and eternal life in the spiritual world.
- To use modern technology to propagate divine love.
- To present the Vedic world view to the scientific community.
- To have a Vaishnava University for training Bhakti sastris, Bhakti sarvabhauma, etc.
- To preserve deity worship and cleanliness of the dharma through Sri Navadvipa Dham Pracharini Sabha.
- To defend pure vaishnava siddhanta against imitation.
- To develop a nonsectarian vaishnava worldview.
- To never give up our bhajan. This was Prabhupada's most important teaching.
- To follow Sri Radha, the original reservoir of love for Sri Govinda (Radha-dasyam).
- To invite all to be part of his vision and thus become happy.



PRABHUPADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD



1. Istadeva: Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Gandharvika Giridhari was his ishtadeva in Vraja-pattan, Sri Chaitanya Math, Mayapur. At the time of his passing from this world, he had opened sixty-four Gaudiya Maths for the propagation of spiritual life and Bhagavata philosophy. In all these Maths he established the worship of the *archa vigraha* (deity) of the Lord. This deity worship was executed according to the principles of Srila Sanatana Goswami's book of vaishnava activities called *Hari Bhakti Vilasa*.

2. Plan by his vision: He always emphasized that material qualifications are not necessary to receive spiritual life. Anyone regardless of caste, sex, nationality, past background, etc., who sincerely desired to have a spiritual life, he would grant them entrance into divine love. He sent some of his sannyasi disciples outside of India to preach and open up Gaudiya Maths there.

3. Nama yajna: Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati sent harinama parties into the world. He chanted the holy names throughout his life. He was the first spiritual master to allow his sannyasi preachers to wear western clothes and to travel in modern vehicles rather than on foot. Throughout the 1930s, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta expanded and increased his missionary work. Anxious that his work should continue, he urged his disciples to spread the holy name in his absence. He led the chanting of the Lord's holy name on the streets, declaring this the utmost song in the entire world.

4. Schools: On April 3rd, 1931, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur opened the Bhaktivinoda Institute in Sri Mayapur, where he spoke on the difference between material and spiritual knowledge to the large assembly of people present for the occasion.

5. Vedas: Srila Bhaktisiddhanta adjusted the Gaudiya Math tradition to the technological and social conditions of the twentieth century. He considered the printing press the most effective means of spreading Krishna Consciousness throughout the world. He, himself, was the author of more than 40 books and publisher of around 500, as well as important translations, commentaries and philosophical essays.

6. Dana: Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur helped the poor, hungry communities and saved the lives of many people by giving them Krishna Consciousness. After him, his disciples and grand disciples continued his philanthropic activities.

7. Sampradaya's protection: Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati made great efforts to protect the sampradaya from materialism and imitation. In his travels throughout India, especially South India, he enjoyed a reputation as an incredibly powerful debater and received the title Simha Guru (the Lion Guru). Various proponents of the mayavadi school would rather cross the street than confront him, because he was known to accost such scholars and chastise them for cheating the innocent public with false philosophy.

8. Women's dignity and the first European female disciples: One of the greatest contributions of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur was the establishment of the Vishnupriya ashram or spiritual shelter for women. Concerned that women do not have a real transcendental refuge in this age of Kali-yuga, he gave women the opportunity to take shelter. In his classic *Prema Pradipa*, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur mentions the ashram of holy women and their highly respected leaders.

9. Politics: He involved even the British Government in Krishna seva

10. Divine News: He always stressed the importance of publishing and distributing vaishnava literature as a means of educating the ignorant masses. In order to facilitate the printing of books and journals, he established four printing presses: The Gaudiya printing works in Calcutta (1923), The Nadiya Prakash printing works in Mayapur (1928), The Bhagavata press in Krishna Nagar (1914-15), and The Paramarthi printing works in Cuttack (1936). He called these presses the big *mridanga* (clay drums used for large congregational singing groups) because the sound that they would produce would be heard all over India. He took over as the editor of his father's journal, the *Sajjana-tosani*, a monthly vaishnava newspaper in Bengali. Later on in 1927 he converted it into an English fortnightly called *The Harmonist*.

11. Architecture: He constructed very beautiful temples in different styles for Krishna's pleasure, like Vraja-pattan and Yoga Pith in Mayapur, Bagh Bazaar Math in Calcutta, Radha Krishna Math, Chennai Math and others.

12. Art and Education: He opened theistic exhibitions in his temples and also established the Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur Research Institute (library for Krishna culture), and the varna ashram dharma (the spiritual division of society): brahmachari, grihastha, vanaprastha and tridanti sannyasi, which is the last step of total surrender to God. He established the pure Gaudiya kirtan. He was a perfect astrologer and he showed that surrender to God is above karma and education.

13. Shrines of Mahaprabhu's footprints: It was Sarasvati Thakur's wish to establish 108 shrines throughout India as memorials to the places Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu had sanctified by the touch of His feet. These shrines or *pada pith* were prints of Gaura Sundara's feet stamped in marble.

14. Ecology: Vraja-pattan is considered Vrindavan in Mayapur. It was the house of Candrasekhara acharya on Mahaprabhu's lila. After rediscovering Mahaprabhu's pastime places, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur established the Chaitanya Math and his ishtadeva, Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Gandharvika Giridhari. There he planted different trees of Vraja, Govardhana, Syamakunda and Radha-kunda affirming that there is no difference between these places and Vraja dham.

15. Divine organization: For the purpose of propagating Krishna Consciousness, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Prabhupada organized the Gaudiya Mission with 64 branches. He was always dedicated to maintaining the purity of vaishnavism, so he reestablished the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha in 1919 and was the Navadvipa Dham Pracharini Sabha's secretary. He was also a powerful unifying influence on the various vaishnava sects by stressing the points of agreement shared by the four major sampradayas. He published the writings of the other vaishnava acharyas, especially Srila Madhvacarya and Srila Ramanujacarya, as well as accounts of their lives.

16. Dham Preservation: Between 1919-1929 he traveled constantly all over India. He lectured to crowds of thousands, debating, and defeating various bogus religious sects. He organized visits to holy places for his followers to establish education about the holy tradition by performing parikrama with his disciples to different sacred sites. He revived the annual parikrama or tour of Navadvipa, Vraja mandala and Puri dham, seeking to improve the nagar sankirtan (congregational chanting of the holy names), the Hari katha (talks about God), the seva and the preservation of the holy places.



VAISHNAVISM MEANS NO DISCRIMINATION

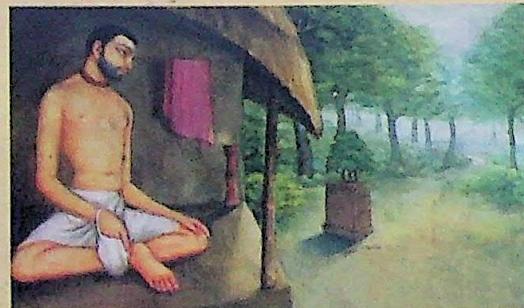
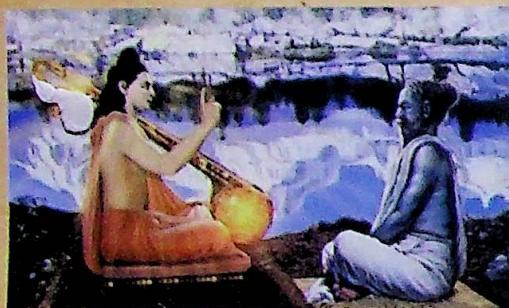
Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and His faithful followers always showed that all degrees of mercy are available to all human beings. Discrimination by race, sex or birth is against the true spirit of the sastras.

Bhaktivinoda Thakur asked the young Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati to defend the transcendental position of vaishnavas regarding becoming a Brahmin. The qualities of a true Brahmin are naturally found in a vaishnava, and there is no restriction whatsoever for

someone who wants to surrender his life to Govinda and become His devotee. To give Brahmin initiation (*upanayanam*) to such a person is perfectly correct according to the sastras. Sastras even endorse such a person to become a Guru if he has the knowledge and dedication.

For more information, read:
bhaktisiddhanta.com/vani/books/Brahmana&Vaisnava

Some examples of spiritual equanimity:



- Sri Narada Muni the spiritual master of Srila Vyasa Deva was directly initiated by Lord Brahma, the originator of the Brahma Sampradaya. He happened to be the son of a maid-servant, so he was not born into a high family. When his mother was engaged in serving great devotees, Narada also became engaged, and sometimes, in the absence of his mother, he would serve the great devotees himself. Narada personally said, "Once only, by their permission, I took the remnants of their food, and by so doing all my sins were at once eradicated. Thus being engaged, I became purified in the heart, and at that time the very nature of the transcendentalist became attractive to me." (Bhag 1.5.25)

- Srila Haridas Thakur, considered the *namacharya* of the Gaudiya Vaishnava Sampradaya (the spiritual master in chanting the holy name of Krishna), is an eternally liberated associate of the Lord. Although he appeared amongst the lower caste of Yavana's family (Mohammedans), Lord Chaitanya's devotees respected him as being better than the best of brahmanas. From his very birth he was very deeply devoted to the holy names of Sri Krishna. He was empowered to set the perfect example of surrender to the holy name. His faith and devotion to the chanting of the holy name is unparalleled. He used to chant the holy name of Krishna 300,000 times a day without fail.

na karma-bandhanam janma vaisnavanam ca vidyate
vishnur anucaratvam hi moksam ahur manisinh

A vaishnava does not take birth under the jurisdiction of karmic law. His birth and disappearance are transcendental. The wise have declared that the servants of Vishnu are eternally engaged in the liberated service of the Lord. Hence they are free from the laws of material nature. *Hari bhakti vilasa*, 10,113, quoted from *Padma Purana*

aho bata sva-paco 'to gariyan
yaj-jihvagre vartate nama tubhyam
tepus tapas te juhuuhu sasnur arya
brahmanucur nama grnanti ye te

Oh Lord, how glorious are they whose tongues always chant Your holy name! Even if born in a family of dog-eaters, such persons are worshipable. Those who chant the holy name of Your Lordship must have performed all kinds of austerities and sacrifices. They must have all the good qualities of the Aryans. They must have bathed in all the holy places, studied the Vedas, and fulfilled everything required of those who are qualified to chant the Vedas and perform yajna. *Bhag. 3.33.7*

na me 'bhaktas caturvedi mad-bhaktah svapakah priyah
tasmai deyam tato grahyam sa ca pujyo yatha hyaham

A brahmana who is expert in studying all four Vedas is not dear to Me, but a devotee who comes from a family of outcastes (*chandalas*) is dear to Me. Whatever he touches becomes pure. That devotee, although born in a family of outcasts is as worshipable as I am. *Hari bhakti vilasa* 10.91

nica-jati nahe krsna-bhajane ayogya
sat-kula-vipra nahe bhajanera yogya
yei bhaje sei bada abhakta h,na chara
krsna-bhajane nahi jati-kuladi-vicara

Birth in a low family is no disqualification for the execution of devotional service. And birth in a family of brahmanas is no qualification. Anyone who takes to devotional service is exalted, whereas a non-devotee is always condemned and abominable. In the discharge of devotional service to the Lord, there is no consideration of the status of one's family. (Cc. Antya 4.66,67)

yan-namadheya-sravananukirtanad
yat-prahvanad yat-smaranad api kvacit
svado 'pi sadyah savanaya kalpate
kutah punas te bhagavan nu darsanat

Even if a devotee comes from a family of dog-eaters, if he surrenders to the personality of Godhead, he immediately becomes a qualified brahmana and is immediately fit to perform yajna, whereas a person born in a family of brahmanas has to wait until completing the reformatory processes before he may be called *samskrita*, purified.

There's the unique vision that Vedic wisdom can benefit the whole world and must be available to all people. Whoever does not share this vision or makes no effort to help others, regardless of caste, sex or racial discrimination, is not a representative of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati nor does he understand his or Mahaprabhu's vision.



- Rasakhan arrived at Vraja as a Muslim. Captivated by a beautiful black cowherd boy singing about Krishna's beauty and pastimes, he remained there, absorbed. He was the son of a *jagirdar* (rich landowner) and lived in the lap of luxury throughout his youth. He was well educated and even translated the *Srimad Bhagavatam* into Farsi. But he is mostly known for his devotional songs on the *lilas* of Lord Krishna, which are still very popular.

Rasakhan did not change his Persian name, for his meditations and songs truly reflected that his heart was a storehouse (*khan*) of rasa. He lived in Vraja as a great saint.



- Kanaka Das was a great poet, philosopher, musician and composer from Karnataka. Once he wanted to take *darshan* (encounter) of Lord Krishna in Udupi. He was not allowed into the shrine by casteist priests as he was not a higher-caste by birth. He stood outside the Math and was lost singing songs in praise of Lord Krishna and had *darshan* of the Lord through a small window. History has it that the western wall collapsed so that Kanaka Das could have *darshan* of Lord Krishna's deity. This window came to be known as Kanakana kindi (Kanaka's window). (Note that Lord Krishna was facing east before this incident and later turned to the west to give *darshan* to Kanaka Das).

PRABHUPADA'S BIRTHPLACE



View of Jagannath Mandira and birthplace ashram



Kirtan after the birth of Srila Prabhupada



Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur and Bhagavati Devi with Bimala Prasad



Srila Madhava Maharaja after the purchase of the old building



Front view of the restored birthplace

Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math - Grand Road, Puri

Srila Prabhupada's birthplace, or Janmasthan, was rented by his father Bhaktivinoda Thakur when he was the district magistrate of Puri. This historical site was very difficult to secure; however, the strong desires of Srila Bhakti Dayita Madhava Maharaja and the tireless efforts of Srila Bhakti Ballabh Tirtha Maharaja brought the birthplace site back to the Gaudiya family.

The Sri Chaitanya Gaudiya Math restored the place and

built a beautiful Jagannatha and Mahaprabhu Nayani Mani Temple. A museum with 3D panels of the life of Srila Prabhupada was also established there. Today there is a guest house for devotees, and the site has become a place of pilgrimage for the whole Sarasvat family.

The office of the Vishva Vaishnava Raj Sabha for Puri was established here for the service of the entire parampara in 2013.

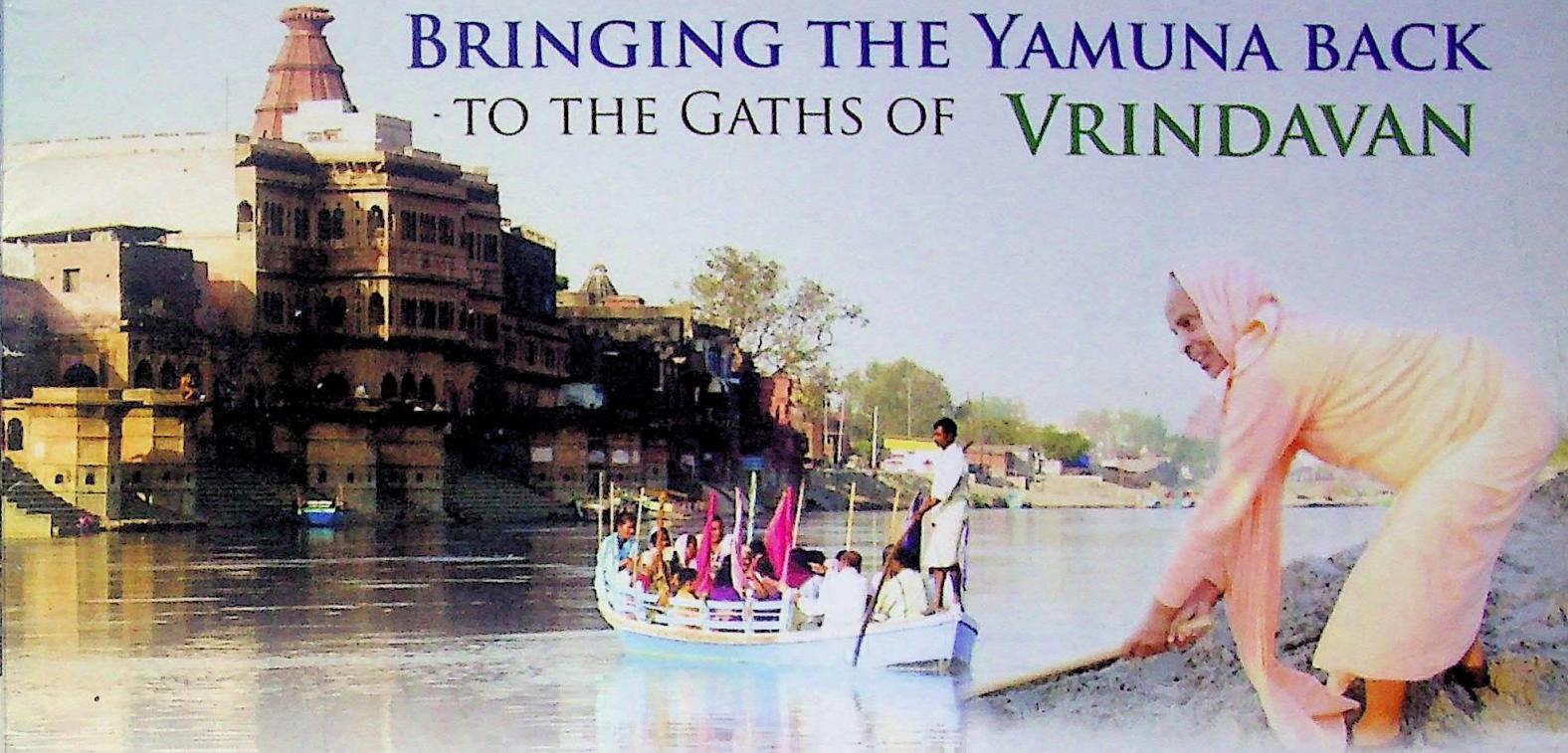


Srila Vyasa Deva and Sri Madhvacharya in Prabhupada's bhajan kutir



His bhajan kutir in Chatak Parvat

BRINGING THE YAMUNA BACK TO THE GATHS OF VRINDAVAN



When Srila Prabhupada visited Imlitala, he complained about the neglect. Today Imlitala is clean and beautiful again.



Imlitala Temple, next to the Yamuna

Srimati Chandiji, with some help of the World Vaishnava Association (WVA), has actually been able to bring the Yamuna River back to the Keshi Ghat. However, we could have the Yamuna River running in front of the Madan Mohan Ghat again if we made a joint effort.

Like many organizations, the World Vaishnava Association's environmental committee and others want to make Vrindavan as beautiful as possible with gardens, trees, temple restorations like Dauji Mandir or Gopinath Mandir, and other actions for a better future.



Srila Bhakti Saranga
Goswami Maharaja

Srila B. S. Goswami Maharaja saved the eternal residence of Srila Prabhupada. Now, let us all save Vraja Mandala for the glories of Srila Prabhupada, who wanted to share Vrindavan with the entire world.

Get involved!

Contact the WVA - Braj seva committee:
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Srila Bhakti Prasad Sadhu Maharaja, Acharya of the Gaudiya Sanga digging to bring Yamuna back and to stop the poisoning of the groundwater.

